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THE HISTORY

OF

TANRIDGE PRIORY,

SURREY;

AND SOME ACCOUNT OF THE

Canons Regular of the Order of St. Augustine,

COMMONLY CALLED

THE AUSTIN CANONS.

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PREFACE.

ON the occasion of a visit by the Surrey Archæological Society to Tanridge, the Council asked me to supply some account of the Priory: subsequent research was necessary in order to present the subject in a complete form for the purpose of publication; then occurred the suggestion that some account of the Inhabitants of the Priory would be desirable as a supplement; that led to notes respecting the Austin Canons, who (like other monastic bodies) have been very much neglected by English writers; and so a ten-minutes' Paper expanded into the present Work.

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ON commencing the study of local topography one looks first to the work of the old County Historian, especially in Surrey where we possess a book of high eminence on account of the vast research by its authors, which becomes fully manifest only to the comparatively few archaeologists who themselves enter on such researches; but very generally some additional facts remain to be gleaned. In the case of Tanridge Priory, the history given by Manning and Bray is limited to half a folio page, with the addition of a list of Priors. Their notes from the Winchester Diocesan Registers are full and careful, but further and fuller information, chiefly obtained from other sources, was still obtainable and will aid in furnishing the reader with what may fairly be termed the first attempt at a history of the Priory.

It seemed to the Writer that it would supply a desirable sequence to the history of the Priory if he gave some account of those who dwelt there, how they lived and occupied themselves, and by what rules they were bound; and more especially, because so very little is generally known respecting monastic life in England that the subject is practically a new one: there exists no special history of any of the Monastic Orders in this country, and there seems to have been little written by other authors than Dugdale and Fosbroke, whose works are rather of a general than a special nature.

In the limited space which is here fairly available for the purpose, it would have been absurd to attempt to give any general history of the Order, but the endeavour

has been rather to contribute some notes towards a subject which one may hope will some day receive a merited attention.

Only five years ago, it was remarked by an archæologist of much research and learning,¹ that the English Abbeys or Priories whose history can be said to be exhaustively written, could certainly be counted on the fingers of both hands ; a round dozen would cover them now.

In the following pages, the names of places and persons are spelt as they are spelt in the document therein referred to, and the dates of the years are given as commencing on the first day of January ; thus, instead of printing 12th March, 1308-9, it is put according to modern reckoning, 1309. At the end will be found an Appendix of original documents, selected from the rest on account of their importance, or as illustrative of the forms used in such cases.

It may also be noted that the authorities here given were directly referred to ; in the case of any being taken through the medium of Manning and Bray the fact is so stated.

OF THE PRIORY.

THE Charitable Institution known by the name of Tanridge Priory (now commonly spelt Tandridge, with the supplemental *d* interpolated) was not originally monastic. The earliest existing record, which dates probably not very long after the foundation, speaks of it as the Hospital of St. James, in the Ville of Tanregge, with 3 priests, in perpetuity there serving God, and Confraters of the said Hospital.²

The nature of the institution was more nearly what we understand by the modern French “Hospice”—an asylum, or refuge, for the poor and needy—a home for those in want or sickness, served by the devotion of its staff, as distinguished from an Act of Parliament, Godless, workhouse where the object, but too generally, is a

¹ J. Chas. Cox, *How to write the History of a Parish.*

² In these preliminary remarks, it seems unnecessary to note the authorities which are fully referred to in the subsequent pages.

provision in the most stinted way against actual physical starvation: it was for the support and maintenance of the sick and poor, and wayfarers needing refuge.

Whether in consequence of the insufficiency for the purpose, of the funds provided, or from what other cause, and how or under what authority, there is no means of knowing, but the fact is clear that, within little more than a quarter and certainly less than half of a century after the foundation, the Hospital of St. James became a Priory of Canons Regular of the Order of St. Augustine, which Canons were commonly, for brevity's sake, called Austin Canons. In certain legal proceedings in 1306 it is spoken of as Collegiate,¹ and so in 1309;² in 1461 it is called the Priory of St. James, Tanrigge.³

The subsequent history of the Establishment, so far as it is practicable to be traced, will be seen by the present account deduced from the various and scattered records now existing: but a few of the more noteworthy points may be indicated as a preface.

The property of the House given at the time of its foundation, sometime about the year 1200, received occasional accretions, but apparently not to any very large extent, for we find that at the time of the Dissolution of Monasteries, between three and three and a-half centuries afterwards, the income was still quite moderate, though sufficing for the maintenance of the five Canons of the House: it does not appear that the number ever exceeded five. In 1263, an arrangement was made under which they bound themselves to provide a Chaplain, being one of their number, to celebrate daily for the benefit of a contributor and his family: and, nearly a century later, in 1351, a further gift was made to the House towards the support of a Canon-Chaplain to celebrate Divine Service daily for the Souls of all faithful departed, for ever.

Perhaps it was in consequence of the limited number of Canons (which, assuming five to have been usual,

¹ Winchester Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 40 v.

² *Ibid.*, fols. 101 v and 110.

³ Winchester Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 68*.

would upon the decease of the Prior have left but four, who, unless unanimous, were therefore not unlikely to be evenly balanced in votes), but it repeatedly happened that, when there occurred a vacancy of the Head of the Priory, the Chapter of the House demitted to the Bishop their right of election, and requested him to undertake the duty of appointment to the vacancy, for that turn. On other occasions, whether from want of skill and care in fulfilling the formalities legally requisite, or whether from any desire on the part of the Diocesan to gradually acquire a permanent right of nomination one cannot tell; but the circumstance repeatedly did happen that when the election of a new Prior came before the Bishop for confirmation, he pronounced that the election was void for informality, and himself made the appointment; though, perhaps as a matter of policy, he appointed the individual who had been, as he stated, invalidly elected. And such appointments frequently turned out ill, as in the cases of John Hansard, who was, or became, incompetent to perform his office, and Philip de Wokingham, whose neglect and desertion of his office ultimately led to his deprivation. No other or more grave charges were at any time made against any Prior or member of the House: this should be borne in mind.

The Priory appears to have gone on its way steadily and quietly, as it should have done, without drawing upon itself any special attention; when called upon to appear in General Chapter it gave a proxy to some other Prior, and so appeared by its representative: the Prior was sometimes summoned to attend and take part in the Convocation of the Diocese.

Ultimately the Priory was suppressed, under the Act for the robbery and destruction of Religious Houses having an income under £200 per annum,¹ which was so easily passed that it almost immediately led to the robbery and destruction of all the others; and the property which had been during many centuries devoted by men of religious mind for Divine Service and

¹ Act 27 Henry VIII, cap. 28.

religious purposes, was in a few years squandered by the monarch upon his profligate pleasures.

The actual date of the foundation of the Priory is not known, but we can by a comparison of records and facts fix the period approximately. In a Deed dated the 17th June 1217,¹ Odo de Dammartin is referred to as the Founder, but not as being then deceased. The fragmentary pedigree of the Dammartin family² given by Manning and Bray³ (from records to which they refer), states that Odo, son of William de Dammartin, lived in the reigns of Henry II (1154 to 1189) and Richard I (1189 to 1199)—dates which give a range of very nearly half a century; but it appears from another source that he was living at least as late as 1218. One of the witnesses to the next-mentioned Deed was living in 1198, while the Deed itself is, from internal evidence, prior to the Deed which we have placed after, and which was certainly executed between 1210 and 1222. We may therefore reasonably assume the date of foundation, as a matter of probability, to have been somewhere about the year 1200.⁴

The earliest existing record, as so frequently happened in early documents, has no date; it contains a grant for endowment of the Hospital of St. James in Tanregge, and the priests or confraters there serving God; and is evidently subsequent to the Deed of Foundation.⁵ It runs to the following effect:—

To all Sons of Holy Mother Church to whom the

¹ Cartulary of Merton Priory: Cotton MS. *Cleopatra*, C. vii, fol. 86, referred to *post*.

² The family probably took its name from a place named Dammartin, now represented by a village about 35 miles N.E. from Paris.

³ Manning and Bray, *History of Surrey*, II, p. 324.

⁴ Odo de Dammartin was one of the witnesses to the endowment of Newark Priory (Dugdale, VI, p. 383), which Manning and Bray show was prior to 1204. (Manning and Bray, III, p. 110.)

⁵ Referred to in Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, and printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, VI, p. 604, from a MS. which he mentions as formerly in possession of Sir William Howard. I venture to reprint it in order to make my work complete in itself, so far as lies in my power. (Vide *Appendix*, I.)

present writing may come, Odo de Dammartin, son of William de Dammartin, Health. Be it known to you all that I have given and granted, and by this my present charter have confirmed, for the health of the souls of myself and my wife and my children, and for the souls of my father and mother, and my predecessors and successors, to God and the Hospital of St. James in the Ville of Tanregge, and three priests in perpetuity, there serving God, and Confraters of the said Hospital; all my land at Warlinggeham, in pure and perpetual alms, for the support and maintenance of the sick and poor, and wayfarers needing a refuge; together with a wind-mill, with all its pertinents without restriction; in crofts, pietlakes,¹ woods, plain, meadows, pastures, cornlands, ways, waters, marshes, hedges, enclosures, in common pastures, and in all liberties; To have and to hold entirely, peaceably, and free from all service and secular exaction due from me to the heirs of William de Hammes,² viz. xx shillings sterling and 2 gilt shoes of the price of six pence, or the sum of six pence annually, at two terms, that is to say, at Easter ten shillings and the shoes, and at the feast of St. Michael ten shillings, without fraud; and saving service so much as pertains to the fourth part of a knight's fee; for all services and demands. And I and my heirs are bound to defend and warrant the aforesaid land and gift and confirmation against all men and all women.³ These being Witnesses — Ralph, Chaplain of Rigate; Henry, Chaplain; Hamon de Turbeville; Ralph Pimpe; Luke de Laundecote; Peter de Perefricht; William de Danmartin; Graland and Baldric, brothers; Peter de

¹ *Pietlakes*: evidently the same as *Pightell*, or *Pightle*; any small enclosed piece of land. (Halliwell.)

² William de Hamme obtained from the Abbey of Chertsey the grant of their Manor of Hamme, to him and his heirs for ever, at a rental of 20s. per annum. *Chertsey Leiger* (Manning and Bray, III, p. 214).

³ This will be noted as an illustration of the well-known fact that women's rights in respect to land were far more extensive than they have become in more recent times.

Thaleuurthe; Ralph de Turneham; Ralph, parcarius; John Bolle; Nicholas de la Dene; and many others.

Another gift was made by the same liberal donor, a copy of which is also printed by Dugdale, and is to the following effect:—

Know all men present and future, that I, Odo de Dammartin, son of William de Dammartin, have, for my soul's health, given to God and the Hospital of St. James at Tanregge, all my relics and 2 silver cups to make a chalice and the vestments and all books and all other things of my chapel. Moreover, I have given to the aforesaid Hospital ix oxen, and one bull, and a sow and farrow, which are at Suevic (Southwark), reckoned at the value of xii oxen; which I have allotted to the said Hospital to be taken from the best of the oxen of my land. And that this my gift may be valid and assured I have confirmed it by my present Charter and seal. These being Witnesses:—Robert, Chaplain; William, Chaplain; Thomas de Wllst, Prior of Merton; Ralph Dean;¹ and many others.²

Thomas de Wllst was installed as Prior of Merton on the 11th November, 1218, and died previous to 12th September, 1222, on which day Letters Patent for the election of his successor were granted, and we are thereby enabled to fix the date very closely.

The document, previously referred to, in which Odo is spoken of as the Founder, is a Charter granted by Walter, Prior of Merton, the predecessor of Thomas, and is therefore necessarily antecedent to the last-mentioned Charter, and possibly to the first; but, perhaps, more probably coming between the two. It is dated the 17th June, 1217; and runs to the following effect:—

WALTER, prior of Merton and the Convent of the same place, to all the faithful of Christ who shall inspect these present letters, send greeting in the Lord. Be it known

¹ A Ralph de Dene is mentioned in a Fine, 7 Henry II, 1161; and on his inheritance, 10 Richard I, 1199. (Manning and Bray, II, 228.)

² Dugdale, *Monasticon*, VI, p. 604. (Vide Appendix, II.)

unto you all, that moved by the impulse of Divine piety, we have received and admitted, specially, into the fraternity of our house of Merton, Sir Odo de Dammartin the founder, and all the brothers and sisters, and all the benefactors of the Hospital of St. James of Tanridge; so that they shall have a share and mutual participation with ourselves, in all the prayers, alms-deeds, fastings, vigils, disciplines; in the celebration of Masses, in the ordinances and observances of religion, and in all other good acts and benefits, which are or shall be done in our House and in all our Religious Houses, for ever. In testimony of this fraternity we have caused our seal to be appended to the present writing. Farewell. Given in the year of our Lord 1217, on the 15th Kalend of July.¹

The next record is that of a Charter executed by Odo, son of Odo de Danmertin, presumably after his father's death; whereby, for the health of his soul and the souls of his father and mother and ancestors and successors, he gave to God and the Hospital of St. James of Tanregge and the Brothers there serving God, a half-acre of land called "le Brome" in the Ville of Chepsted, which Alfrid "Soxere" held of him; together with the houses thereon: and he warranted it, &c. Witnessed by William de Danmertin, Robert Burnerd, Ralph de Pip^r., Robert son of Pagan, William de St. John, Peter de Talewrth, Adam de Talewrth, Eustace de Wlkest, William de Novatra, and many others. The MS. (which is an early collection of such matters) gives a drawing of the seal and counterseal to this Charter. Odo is represented on horseback, in chain mail, with a long sword and small heater-shaped seal bearing 2 fesses and a chief vair: legend, "Sigill: —d—Martin." The seal is circular. On the smaller counterseal is a shield bearing, vairy of 5, and on a chief a label of 3 points extending across the shield: legend "S. Evdonis de Danmartin" interrupted in 4 places by a leopard's head.²

¹ Cotton MS. *Cleopatra*, C. vii, fol. 86; No. 177. (Vide *Appendix*, III.)

² British Museum, Add. MS. 2044, fol. 114. (*Appendix*, IV.)

The next document is a final Concord or agreement made in the King's Court at Westminster, between the Prior of Tanridge and others, in the octave of the Purification of B. Mary, in the 10th year of King Henry III (1226), at Westminster, before Martin de Paterhill,¹ Thomas de Muleton,² Thomas de Heyden,³ Robert de Lexington,⁴ and Warin son of John,⁵ Justices, and others of the King's faithful subjects there present: between John de Wauton, by Thomas de Grava on his behalf, and Alice, wife of the said John, by William de Kingestun on her behalf; and on the other part Thomas,⁶ Prior of Tenrugg: concerning four score acres of wood with pertinents in Tenrugge about which was a suit between them in the said Court. It was agreed that the said John and Alice should give up and quit claim for themselves and the heirs of Alice, to the said Prior and his successors and the Church of Tenrugge, all right and claim which they had in the said four-score acres of wood with pertinents in perpetuity. And in consideration the Prior, for himself and his

¹ Martin de Pateshull was, in the year 1217, appointed by King Henry III to be a Justice, and thenceforward was remarkable amongst his colleagues for his singular activity: he was appointed to be Archdeacon of York in 1226, and Dean of St. Paul's two years later, but died 14th November, 1229. (Foss, *Judges of England*.)

² Thomas de Muleton was a member of a Lincolnshire family, and was Sheriff for that county during three years: he got into difficulties twice with King John during his troubled reign, but became Justice and Chief Justice under King Henry III, and died about 1240. (Foss.)

³ Thomas de Heyden, called "Clericus noster" in Letters Patent, 4 John (1203). He acted as a Justiciar from the 3rd to 11th Henry III. (Foss.)

⁴ Robert de Lexington, a cleric, was a person of eminence, and acted as a Justice from 1220 till 1243, and died in 1250. He undertook the defence of various military posts, and enjoyed much royal favour. (Foss.)

⁵ Warin, son of Fitz-Joel, is mentioned as one of the Justices Itinerant in 1224 and 1225. (Foss.)

⁶ The name of Thomas as Prior at this date has not previously been recorded: the first Prior whose name is given by Dugdale, or Manning and Bray, is Walter who was installed in 1306, eighty years later.

successors, gave up to the said John and Alice and her heirs in perpetuity, the right to which the Prior was entitled by grant of Odo Danmartin the Elder, of mast¹ for 30 hogs in their wood, and also the right of chase with 13 dogs and 6 harriers or greyhounds, in the warren thereof, to which the Prior was entitled by gift of Odo Danmartin the younger.²

A final Concord was made in the King's Court at Bermundsey, in the quindena of St. Michael in the 19th year of King Henry III (1235), before William of York,³ William de Insula,⁴ Ralph of Norwich,⁵ and Hugh de Playz,⁶ Justices Itinerant: between Gillebert Oisel and Richalda his wife, plaintiffs, and Adam,⁷ Prior of Tenrigge, defendant, concerning 16 acres of land with pertinents in Tenrigge. Whereon a Post Mortem Assize was held in the said Court. The said Gillebert and Richalda acknowledged the said land and pertinents to belong to the Prior and his Church of Tenrigge. And for this acknowledgment, fine, and concord, the Prior granted to them 9 acres of land with pertinents, namely those 9 acres of land which Robert de Shortehal lately held: To hold to them and the heirs of the said Richalda, of the Prior and his successors and the said Church in perpetuity, at an annual rental of 12 pence at the feast of St. Michael, for all service and demand. And moreover the Prior gave them half a mark of silver.⁸

¹ *Mast*, fruit of beech and oak trees.

² Pedes finium; 10 Henry III; Surrey, No. 74. (*Appendix*, V.) Unfortunately neither of the grants here referred-to are extant.

³ William of York was Bishop of Salisbury; Justice Itinerant from 1227 to 1251, in which year he died, and was buried in his own cathedral. (*Foss.*)

⁴ William de Insula obtained a good position under King John, and became a Justice Itinerant in 1224, and continued as such for nine years. (*Foss.*)

⁵ Ralph of Norwich rendered considerable service to King John in Ireland; was a Justice of the Bench from 1230 to 1234. (*Foss.*)

⁶ Not mentioned by *Foss.*

⁷ This is the first time in which the name of Adam as Prior of Tanridge has appeared in print.

⁸ Pedes finium, 19 Henry III; Surrey, No. 181. (*Appendix*, VI.)

By the Assize Rolls for the County, in the 43rd year of King Henry III (1258 and 1259), it appears that a trial took place upon a complaint that the Prior had enclosed a certain public pond in Warlingham where the people of the place had been accustomed to water their cattle, to the manifest injury of all. Which being proved, the Sheriff ordered the removal of the enclosure in sight of the Jury. And the Prior, who was present, was condemned for the transgression.¹

In 1262-3 a final Concord was made in the King's Court at Geldeford, in the 15 days after St. Hilary in the 47th year of King Henry III. Before Martin de Littilbyry,² Walter de Bersted,³ Geoffrey de Leukenore,⁴ and Richard de Hemington, Justices Itinerant.⁵ Between Humphrey,⁶ Prior of Tanrigge, plaintiff, and Thomas de Warlington, defendant; concerning a messuage, 14 acres of land, and 12 acres of pasture, with pertinents in Tannerigge. And upon the suit before the Court the said Thomas acknowledged the tenements and pertinents to belong to the Prior and his church; that they should have them, of his gift, to hold to the Prior and his successors and church, of the said Thomas and his heirs, in free, pure, and perpetual alms, in perpetuity; and he warranted it accordingly, and free from all secular service and demand, against all men. And moreover the said Thomas, in addition, granted for himself and his heirs, to the Prior and his successors and church, a yearly payment of 20 shillings by equal

¹ Assize Rolls, Surrey; 43 Henry III, M { $\frac{6}{1}$ } 5, m. 5 d.

² Martin de Littilbyry or Littlebere, held an Assize in Kent in 1247 and became a Justiciar in 1261, and continued till 1272. (Foss.)

³ Walter de Berstede was Sheriff of Kent in 1257: in 1262 Constable of Dover Castle and Custos of Cinque Ports: Justiciar from 1262 to 1266. (Foss.)

⁴ Geoffrey de Leukenore was Justice Itinerant, &c. from 1255 to 1276. (Foss.)

⁵ Richard de Hemington was a Justiciar from 1263 till 1270. (Foss.)

⁶ The present is the first occasion in which the name of Humphrey, as Prior, is recorded.

half-yearly instalments, viz., at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and at the Lord's Nativity: with power, in the case of default in payment, to distrain upon all the cattle¹ of the said Thomas and his heirs, which might be found on or in their lands and tenements in the Manor of Tenrigge, for full payment of all arrears. And the Prior undertook, for himself and his successors and church, to provide a Chaplain, being one of their Canons, who should every day celebrate in their church, at the Altar of B. Mary, for the souls of the said Thomas and his predecessors and heirs.²

In the 10th year of King Edward I, 20th November, 1281 to 1282, the King, by writ addressed to the Barons of the Exchequer, acquitted the Prior (to whom the manor had been given *temp. Richard I*) of the 15th due on account of their Manor of Westhall, in Warlingham, which had been granted on lease by John Hansard, late Prior,³ to Charles, Parson of Collesdon (who was thus accepted as the responsible person).⁴

On the 28th January, 1283-4, being the 12th year of Edward the 1st, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, there was issued a writ to the Sheriff of the County of Surrey commanding him to enquire by Jury whether it would be to the detriment of the King or others, if he granted to his beloved in Christ the Prior and Convent of Tanregg, permission to receive in perpetuity as a gift from William de Aegstede (Oxted) one carucate of land with its pertinents, situate at Aegstede, and in the fee of Roland de Aegstede; by the King himself, at Holodenlyn. The

¹ *Catalla*, apparently here used for cattle, not chattels=goods.

² *Pedes finium*, 47 Henry III; Surrey, case 2, No. 177. (*Appendix*, VII.)

³ John Hansard was Prior on 2nd April, 1324, to 4th September, 1335.

⁴ Manning and Bray, II, p. 429: no authority for either of these statements is printed; but considering the general exactness with which the references in this work are specified, and the immense research given to its materials, we may (even in the study of archæology, in which every material fact ought to be vouched by a direct reference to the original authority) accept it as a fact.

Inquisition found that there would be no injury to the King or others, Roland and his heirs performing the due and accustomed service.¹

Thereupon a charter was executed by Roland de Okested (Oksted, or Aegstede), who, for himself and his heirs, granted and confirmed to the Prior and Convent of Tenregg, with the King's grace and of the gift of William de Okstede, admission to the lands and tene-ments, in his fee, in the ville of Okstede, to hold of him and his heirs and assigns, but subject to the performance of all due and accustomed service; as in a chiro-graph between them fully appeared. In witness he set his seal on the Thursday after the feast of St. Edmund the Confessor, in the King's 13th year.² The Letters Patent, or Licence in Mortmain, were granted by the King on the 7th June following.³

In the year 1291, when the taxation of Pope Nicholas IX was compiled, the Prior of Tanridge held property in Tanrugg and Warlingham which was assessed at the annual value of £2 : 6s. 8d., upon which the tithe was 4s. 8d.⁴

Not very long afterwards we find that the Archbishop of Canterbury was stopping at Tanridge, whence, on the 14th March 1296-7, he issued a mandate

¹ Eschaets 12 Edw. I, No. xlix. (Brit. Mus., Add. MS. 6168, fols. 26 and 27.)

² *Inquisition post mortem*, 12 Edw. I, No. 49. (Appendix, VIII.) The Charter is attached to the above Inquisition. The particuler date intended is not certain. The decease of St. Edmund the Confessor is commemorated on the 20th November, on which day the regnal year commeneced; the Thursday before the 20th Nov., in the King's 13th year, would be the 16th November; but if the reference be to the feast of the Translation (the 9th June), the date would, as seems most probable, be the 7th June, which was the same day as that on which the Licence in Mortmain was granted: though, as a general supposition, it would seem unlikely that all requisites were not obtained long before the completion of the formalities attending the grant of Letters Patent; and if so, the earlier date must be assigned.

In the British Museum, Add. MS. 6168, fols. 26 and 27, being extracts from the Eschaets, the reference is given 12 Edw. I, No. xlix.

³ Patent Roll, 13th Edward I, m. 16.

⁴ Taxation by Pope Nicholas IX; Record Off. Ed., p. 206.

(dated 2nd Ide of March), addressed to the Official for Surrey, directing him to cite the Clergy of certain Deaneries to appear before him in Carshalton Church, but for what purpose is not stated.¹

By authority of a Writ dated the 16th November, 1299 (27th Edward I), an Inquisition *ad quod damnum* was held, and the Jury found that it would not be to the damage of the King or others if Licence were granted to Henry de Guldeford to give to the Prior and Convent of Tenrugge the advowson of the Church of Croweherst to hold to them and their successors in perpetuity. Also that the said Advowson, together with 5 acres of land in Croweherst formerly belonged to Adam de Chiveningge and Robert de Stanegrave who enfeoffed the said Henry de Guldeford thereof. And it was found that the said 5 acres of land, together with the said Advowson, were held of Reginald de Chelesham free of any service; and that the said Church was worth yearly, in all issues, One hundred shillings.²

The next step was the payment of a fine to the King for his Licence, and we accordingly find the record in the 30th year of the King's reign (1301 and 1302) of the payment of £10 for the purpose.³

And after the lapse of a further time the Licence in Mortmain was granted, in 1302, enabling Henry de Guldeford to grant to the Priory the Advowson of Crawehurst (Crowhurst). The Patent recites the Statute forbidding the entry into possession by Religious of any fee so that it would fall into mortmain, except with licence from the King and the capital lord of the fee from whom it was held by fine. But that, notwithstanding, the King had, upon application of the Prior through the venerable Father, Walter, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfeld, the King's Treasurer, granted to Henry de Guldeford permission to give and assign the Advowson of the Church of Crawehurst to the said Prior and

¹ Merton Cartulary, fol. Clij, v. (No. 356.)

² With *Inquisitions post mortem*, 28 Edward I, Surrey, No. 69.

³ Originalia, 30 Edward I, rot. 13 (Record Office Ed.).

Convent to have and hold to him and his successors in perpetuity ; and to the said Prior and Convent that they might receive and have and hold the same accordingly. Desiring that neither the said Henry nor his heirs nor the said Prior and Convent nor their successors should be molested on account of the said Statute. But saving to the capital Lords of the fee their due and accustomed service for the same. Given by the King, at Westminster, the 14th November.¹

The legal proceedings leading to the appointment, on the 4th June 1306, of Walter de Pedeleshurst to be Prior, are of considerable interest, as showing the extreme care and systematic manner in which such matters were transacted, even in a Monastery such as this where the number of Canons seems never to have exceeded five. From the records in the Bishop's Register we learn what was done.

The Canons in Chapter having (no doubt after the usual *Congé d'èslire*) elected Walter de Pedeleshurst (described as a Canon of the Collegiate Church of Tanrugge) to be their Prior, their Proctor, Brother Thomas de Woldham, one of the Canons, appeared before the Bishop at his Manor of Merewelle on the kalend of June, viz., the third juridical day after the feast of the Holy Trinity (3rd June), 1306, and exhibited their Proxy under Seal ; the Elect being also personally present. Then was read a Certificate of the Archdeacon of Surrey to the effect that citation, with due publication thereof, of all opposers to appear in canonical form at this time and place, had been made : and the proceedings were adjourned till the morrow. At that time the Elect and Proctor appeared personally as before, and no one appeared in opposition, though waited for a sufficient time ; whereupon an order was made precluding them from opposition. The proceedings were then adjourned till the first juridical day after the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle (11th June), at the latest, to proceed with the business.

¹ Patent Roll, 30 Edward I, m. 3. (*Appendix, IX.*)

Which day being come, the Elect and the Proctor of the Chapter again appeared before the Bishop, and the matter being propounded by John de Tyccheseye, and the various instruments read, and two Witnesses produced (viz., Brothers Thomas de Woldham and John de la Pende, both Canons of the said Church), being sworn and examined, and the Decree and other instruments relating to the Election being carefully examined, the Bishop found the said Election to be in manywise defective, and, putting his words by the mouth of Master Peter de Grunvull, his Official, made his Decree to the following effect:—

It appeared by the instruments touching the election, that the same was evidently defective, although the probable fitness of the person was shown; and he declared it to be void for informality, and that in consequence thereof the right to fill the vacancy devolved upon him; and at a further sitting of the Court on the same day, in the Chapel at Merewelle, he, by his pontifical authority, preferred the said Brother Walter de Pedeleshurst to the Priory, desiring to suit the Priory with him rather than with any other person.

This Sentence was followed by a Decree in the usual form for the induction and installation of the new Prior, dated at Merewell on the ides of June (13 June), 1306, and the second year of the Bishop's consecration. On the same day, Letters were formally addressed to Thomas de Woldham (who is here mentioned as the Precentor of the Priory) and the Convent, announcing the appointment and enjoining obedience according to the Rules of the Order: this also was dated at Merewelle.¹

The Bishop, by virtue of his office and duty, made a Pastoral Visitation of the Convent on the Thursday after the feast of St. Edmund the King and Confessor, the 21st November, 1308: and a month later made an Ordinance concerning matters to be reformed, which, as will be seen by the following abstract of the document, in fact, simply required a careful observance of certain

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fols. 40 v. to 41 v.

of the Rules of the Order which we may assume were not sufficiently rigidly observed, though, it will be noted, he made no direct complaint of laxity: so far, therefore, the document presents a strong testimonial to the good conduct of the House, for had there been any serious cause for blame it must necessarily have formed the ground and basis of matters to be reformed, especially as it had no further publicity.

The Bishop's Ordinance is directed to the Prior or his deputy, and the Convent: referring to the recent Visitation, he states that various things were found needful of correction, as appeared in the following orders:—

In the first place he ordered, enacted, and commanded that Divine Service both by day and night be celebrated with fit ceremony every day, with Masses such as, whether by writing or by oath, they were bound to celebrate for benefactors, viz., one Mass of St. Mary, by note; and another by note, which is called the High Mass, to the observance of which they were bound by the Rule; and any one absent without reasonable cause and without special licence of the Prior should be subject to a fast on bread and water.

Also, following the footsteps of Othobon, Legate of the Apostolic See to England, it was directed that the Canons professed and in priest's orders, frequently confess to the Prior or some other of the Order with his licence, and celebrate Divine Service in places appointed for the purpose and hitherto usual. Also that a Sub-prior be unanimously appointed according to ancient custom. That silence be carefully observed amongst them in times and places in accordance with their Rules; and the outer door be closed at due hours, and kept closed. He ordered that no one in any way presume to go out of the premises without licence of the Prior, nor that the Sub-prior himself, as accustomed amongst the Brothers, should give licence of exit without just and reasonable cause; and that then the person going out should have a fit companion provided for him by the Prior; and that he should return without any delay

beyond the time fixed. That none of the Brothers be engaged in such matters as he chose, but in such as might be most useful.

The Bishop prohibited the Canons from wearing clothing different from and unfit for their Order, and directed that they should only wear such as the Rules, and propriety of Religion, required; and with the provision that all wore a uniform habit. They were not to have curtains round their beds in the dormitory, but each, lying alone, might be seen by any one passing.

He ordered that the infirm Brothers be visited according to their wants and to the Rules, and their needs be supplied by brotherly kindness, and in due and accustomed benevolence, more in future than usual hitherto. He further prohibited the Brothers from sitting at table with unfit secular persons, or eating either with domestics or external persons, or waiting till after the refection of the Brothers, or taking food in other places. Also the taking of food or drink after bed-time, or being in the refectory or elsewhere without reasonable cause, except in the usual and accustomed hours. Also he ordered that none of them hold converse with any suspected woman, or one who might be suspected, whether secular or religious, or in any manner going to the house of such person, lest from this cause a public scandal be raised. He specially commanded that twice in the year, in grand Chapter, and before the Brothers (according to the requirements of the Holy Fathers), the Prior and Cellarer should render a full account of their administration, and strive to their utmost therein for the welfare of the Monastery. And that, according to ancient custom hitherto in use amongst them, and to the rule of the Order, there be provided food and drink, clothing and other necessaries, according to the means of their church; and that if anything be unlawfully alienated, it be recalled to the best of their power, and that the more important matters of business be under the seal of the House and by common assent; and that their woods be not cut down, nor trees disposed of without their unanimous consent, and except

for express and reasonable cause, approved by the majority.

These Injunctions he sent under his patent seal, affecting them and every of them jointly and severally, and to be diligently and faithfully observed in future by virtue of their obedience; and he directed the same to be read in full chapter 4 times a year, viz., on the first Sunday in Advent, on Mid-lent Sunday, on the feast of the Ascension, and within the Octave of the Nativity of Blessed Mary the Virgin, fully, distinctly, openly and publicly, lest any one pretend ignorance of them.

Given at Essher, 13th kalend of December (20th December), in the above-mentioned year of our Lord, and of his own consecration the fourth.¹

On the 26th December, 1308, the Bishop addressed letters to the Prior or his deputy notifying that he had issued a Commission to Brother Laurence of Gloucester, Professor of Sacred Theology, and Brother Adam of Salisbury, Monk of St. Swithin, Winchester, in his (the Bishop's) place, and with power of canonical coercion, to enquire as to things which in his late Visitation he had found requiring correction; and commanding the Brothers by virtue of their obedience to amend all those things relating to the state of the House which he had enjoined, both as to temporalities and spiritualties.

Dated at Farnham, the 7th kalend of December (25th November), 1308.²

The Visitation was accordingly held on the morning of the 5th ferial day after the feast of St. Andrew (6th December, 1308), in the Chapter House of the Priory, in presence of the Prior and Cellarer and the whole Convent. In the first place, the Decree of the Bishop and the various Articles contained therein were carefully explained. Secondly, the Canons were asked for a Certificate of an account required by the Mandate on a given day. And as they had not certified, judgment on account of that disobedience was reserved to the Bishop.

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fols. 148 v. to 149 v. (Appendix, X.)

² *Ibid.* fol. 97 v. (Appendix, XI.)

Thirdly, it was enquired whether the Cellarer had rendered an account, and it appeared that, from the time of the foundation of the House to the present time, neither the present Cellarer nor any other had ever rendered any account. So that he did not know the value of the House, nor the amount of annual rents or proceeds from the Grange, nor the amount of seed yearly sown of any kind of grain, nor the proceeds of the corn, nor the quantity of corn to be provided yearly, nor grain for making beer, nor the supplies to the household: nor, indeed, did the Prior, Cellarer, or any one else know how much was necessary. Fourthly, they caused the Cellarer to render an account before the Prior and Convent, and beginning from the first year of his administration, which was found to contain so many omissions and untruths as would take many days to go through: therefore a new one, commencing at the last year of his administration and for one year, was made by Simon de Schirford as a pattern for future accounts. Fifthly, the said Adam with William de Schire, Canon, their Bailiff, by order of the said Laurence, inspected part of the woods and noted which of the old oaks there might, without loss to the House, be sold for a value of 20 marcs, for the purchase of corn and payment of debts. In the sixth place, because their secular officers were heavily taxed, a schedule of their future charge was adjoined to the present return. Seventhly, it was appointed that the Bishop be supervisor of extrinsic things, and Sir William de Schire receiver of all things within the Priory, as contained in a Schedule, and the state of the House and the order for account appearing in a marginal schedule. Eighthly, all those things about which discord existed were reduced to concord by the said Laurence. Ninthly, he enjoined them to enter in their Martyrology the Bishop's Statutes and Ordinances; and dismissed them in peace; and wrote to Sir Robert de Strangave to permit Sir William de Schyr to rest in the House.¹

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 96 v. (Appendix, XII.) Of what other Priory William de Schyr was a Canon, and Sir Robert de Strangave Prior, does not appear.

The Bishop's Commissary also issued an exhortation to the Brethren to avoid contention and strife, but rather to bear contumely from any of the Confraters and let the offender be corrected by the Prior, or other acting for him, in the presence of all the others in chapter; and if on the third reproof he did not amend, he be punished by withholding his ration, and if the fault be repeated the penalty be increased until he amended. But this order was not intended to inhibit the Prior or other from correcting any delinquent Brother, only observing moderation in all things. Also he ordered that the Brother to whom was committed the charge of kitchen expenses, should render a full account of his administration every week. Also that the secular officers in charge of granges and granary, and those appointed to take care of the live stock, should be bound to render accounts on oath of their administration and receipts and outlay, and account faithfully for the proceeds from the animals; which account they should be bound to furnish to the Prior or Brother in charge of the temporalia. All the premises he ordered to be strictly observed, and to be recited with the Bishop's Decree before them all in chapter, four times a year. Given at Tanrugg on the day of St. Andrew the Apostle (30th November), 1308.¹

On the vacancy in the office of Prior occurring by the resignation of Brother Walter, admitted as of force by the Bishop in his Chapel at Essher on the 4th Ide of March (12th March), 1309, the latter at the same time and place issued a Licence to the Brethren and College of Tanrugg to harmoniously elect, in fear of God and observance of the laws of the Order, a new Prior to fill the vacancy.²

About the latter part of the month of February following, the Bishop issued a similar Commission for Visitation as to certain things relating to his recent Visitation, addressed to Master Philip de Bartoñ, Archi-

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 96 v. (Appendix, XIII.)

² *Ibid.*, fol. 104.

deacon of Surrey,¹ and Laurence of Gloucester, Monk of St. Peter's, Professor of Sacred Theology; noting that their censures should be solemnly observed.²

Apparently, the Cellarer did not take heed to the Ordinances of the Bishop, for, on the 4th February 1309 following, the Bishop issued Letters to the House to the effect that for various reasons seen at the Visitation he had removed Brother Henry from the Office of Cellarer and supervisor of extrinsic affairs as assistant to Brother William de Shyre, who for the benefit of the Monastery had been appointed to be Receiver. He therefore commanded the Prior and Convent by virtue of their obedience not to permit the said Brother Henry, thus removed from the administration of the temporalities, to interfere therewith, or to leaye the bounds of the Monastery until further orders; and to substitute the said William de Shyre in the office of Cellarer. This seemed an arbitrary interference with the Monastery, since William de Shyre was an outsider. The Bishop further directed them to appoint Brother John de Gotham, or some one else of the College fit for the purpose, to be joined with the said William in looking after affairs within the limits of the Priory and in assisting him with advice in the administration of the Church. Dated at Merewell, 2nd none of February (4th February), A.D. 1309, and of his consecration the 4th.³

The Bishop's next proceeding was no doubt, under the circumstances, a very wise one: having deprived Henry de Pecham (for such we find was his surname) of his office of Cellarer, he banished him to another House of the same Order at Newark. But he went beyond banishment, for in the Letters which the Bishop addressed to the Prior and Convent of Newark, after reciting that he had for due and lawful reasons touching the honour of religion and the good of his soul, removed

¹ Archdeacon of Surrey from about 1300 till his death about 1320. (Cassan, *Lives of the Bishops of Winchester*, I, p. 90.) The name, as written, is probably an abbreviation of the name Philip of Bath.

² Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 103 v.

³ *Ibid.*, fol. 101 v. (Appendix, XV.)

the said Henry from Tanrugg; they were commanded to receive him favourably whilst he should dwell with them, and to provide him with a room and necessaries at the cost of the former Priory; but that he should not be permitted to leave the place, or hold intercourse with secular persons, except with the special leave of the Prior or Sub-prior, and should be looked after by two of the Brothers of mature age and honest conversation, to whose charge he should be specially deputed. These directions to continue in force until further orders. Dated at Essher, the 4th of the ides of March, 1308 (10th March, 1309).¹

A few days later, viz., on the 24th March, 1309, the Bishop gave directions to the Prior and Convent of Newark as to the treatment of the offender, viz., that he was to be kept in solitary confinement, and to fast every Friday on bread, beer, and soup, and on other days to content himself with the same with the addition of one dish for his ration; not to leave his room except for unavoidable or reasonable cause, nor be permitted to celebrate the Divine Office, nor to talk with any person whether secular or religious, except in the presence of his keeper or some other of them. For this the Prior and Chapter of Tanrugg were to pay twelve pence per week. Obedience to these orders was most particularly enjoined. Given at Newark, the 9th kalend of April (24th March), 1308.²

After two months the Bishop relaxed the severity of the punishment, and sent letters to the Prior of Newark to the effect that, as the offender had borne his sentence patiently and with humility, he should be released from imprisonment and be permitted to accompany the Convent in choir, dormitory, refectory, and other places within the walls under the care of a guardian to be appointed for the purpose; but on no account to be permitted to leave the Monastery. Dated at High Clere, 6th kal. of June (27th May), 1309.³

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 103 v. (Appendix, XVI.)

² *Ibid.*, fol. 105 v. (Appendix, XVII.)

³ *Ibid.*, fol. 108. (Appendix, XVIII.)

This was followed, two months later, by Letters from the Bishop, addressed to the Prior and Convent of Newark, reciting that the punishment of Henry de Pecham had been borne patiently, with all humility and great contrition, and his amendment was manifest; in consequence of which his punishment had been relaxed; and directing them to permit him to return freely to Tanrugg, to which Monastery authority had been granted to receive him. And the Bishop further mentioned that he had forwarded letters to that Monastery to pay them 12 pence for every week that the culprit had been resident at their House. Dated at Essher, the 17th kal. of August (16th July), 1309.¹

On the same date as the letters above mentioned, Letters were addressed to the Prior and Convent of Tanrugg; reciting that the Bishop had at his late Visitation thought proper to remove the offender to Newark for punishment and ordered that a payment of 12 pence per week should be made on that account: that at the instance of the Prior and Convent of Newark, and their testimony to the contrition and devoutness with which the punishment had been borne, he had relaxed its infliction, and now ordered the Priory of Tanridge to receive the said Brother Henry back to their cloister, but that he should not be permitted to interfere in either their intrinsic or extrinsic affairs.²

Presumably in the month of May or June, 1309, but the date is not stated, the Bishop sent Letters to Newark stating his intention to prefer Thomas of St. Alban to the Priory of Tanrugg—the preferment to which fell to him for this turn, but which could not be done unless by their special licence: he asked and required of them to absolve the said Thomas from his obedience to them, and to grant him their Letters Patent to that effect and to permit his transfer to Tanrugg.³

This was followed by Letters (not dated, but appa-

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 112. (Appendix, XIX.)

² Ibid. (Appendix, XX.)

³ Ibid., fol. 108 v. (Appendix, XXI.)

rently early in June) addressed to the said Thomas of St. Alban, reciting that the Priory of Newark had, with the consent of the Chapter, and in legal form, released him from all subjection and obedience to that Monastery, and granted him special licence by Letters Patent to pass to Tanrugge; and that he, the Bishop, to whom the preferment fell for this turn, had preferred him to the Priorate of the latter Monastery; and commanding him to attend on the Tuesday following, at Essher, to do and receive in the premises according to rule.¹

On the 17th June the Bishop proceeded to the next step, and issued letters addressed to the Precentor and Convent of the Collegiate Church of Tanrugg, reciting the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother Walter de Hetfeld, late Prior, and that they had by unanimous consent and assent submitted to his ordination, and that he, with the concurrent assent of their patron, should provide a fit Prior to dwell there; whereby the right fully devolved upon him, and he had accordingly preferred Brother Thomas de St. Alban, Canon of the Monastery of Newark, to be Prior. And he enjoined and commanded them by virtue of their obedience to attend to and obey him as their Prior, as taught and required by the Rules of the Order, and the observance of which he would enforce. Given at Essher, the 15th kal. of July (17th June).²

The same day the Bishop directed Letters to the Archdeacon of Surrey, reciting the appointment, and that the same had been made with submission and consent of the Canons; and commanding him to induct the said Thomas de St. Alban into corporal possession of the Priory, and instal him according to custom.³

In the 4th year of King Edward II (1310 or 1311) the King's Eschaetor for the County of Surrey held an Inquisition with reference to the statement that the Prior of Tanregge had appropriated to himself and his

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 109 v. (Appendix, XXII.)

² *Ibid.*, fol. 110.

³ *Ibid.*

House 5 acres of land with pertinents in Okestede of the gift and grant of Henry atte Donne, of Warlingham, a Brother of the said House in the time of the King, the father of the present King (*i.e. temp. Edward I*), and after the publication of the Statute of Lands and Tenements in Mortmain, without obtaining the royal licence. The Jurors found that the said Prior held the said 5 acres of land as parcel of a carucate of land granted in the time of the said King (Edward I) when an Inquisition was held by his Eschaetor.¹ Some further difficulty about this property arose a few years later.

We next come to some records respecting the Priors.

Another Visitation of the Monastery was made by Master Laurence of Gloucester, Monk, Professor of Sacred Theology, with the Bishop's Official, when they found that the Priory, through the incapacity and negligence of the Prior, was in such a state of collapse that they could scarcely get on or recover: whereupon the Bishop, on the 22nd November, 1312, directed them to depute Sir Charles, Rector of the Church of Colesdon, a provident and discreet man, to be coadjutor of the Prior; that without his advice and assent nothing should be done in relation to the administration of the temporalities; that he should daily eat with the Brothers in the refectory and sleep in the dormitory, and look after things except spiritualities. Also that Brother John de Pende, a canon, should be the deputy Cellarer, acting in all things with the advice and assent of the said Sir Charles. Providing that the Common Seal should be carefully kept under triple keys, one of which to remain in the care of the Prior, another with the Rector, and the third with the Sub-prior. The Bishop in accordance with this arrangement made by his Commissary commanded them, by virtue of obedience, to carefully observe these things, and all things which the said Sir Charles, in his ministration respecting the temporalities, might determine; and desiring that neither he nor they, without the approval

¹ Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, 4 Edw. II, No. 6. (Add. MS. 6168, fol. 233.)

of the Bishop, should proceed to make any alienation. He commanded that the Prior (to whom he interdicted the use of any seal) should be content with one only servant. The present Letters he directed to remain in the care of the said Sir Charles. Dated at Suthwerk, the 10th kal. of December (22nd November), 1312, and of his consecration the 8th.¹

Upon the Priory becoming vacant by the death of Henry de Pecham, the Bishop, on the 16th kalend of April, 1323 (17th March), issued a Decree addressed to the Official of the Archdeacon of Surrey, reciting that John Hansard, a Concanon of the House, had been (as alleged) canonically elected, upon licence of the patron sought and granted. That the Bishop intended to proceed to the examination of the election, on the 5th juridical day after the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary, in the Conventual Church of Suthewerk, and further to proceed as incumbent upon him therein. He therefore commanded the Official to cite or cause to be cited peremptorily all opposers in special (if any), and all others in general, to appear at that time and place before him (the Bishop), or his Commissary, and state their objections against the person elected or the form of election; and at that time or by prorogation the business would be continued. Dated at Suthewerk.²

Accordingly, on the Wednesday after the feast of the Annunciation, being the 30th March, in the Conventual Church of Suthewerk, the Bishop proceeded with the business of the Election of Brother John Hansard, elected by the Precentor and Concanons to fill the vacancy. The certificate by the Archdeacon of Surrey of the publication of the Citation was read, and the petition of the Precentor and Concanons, by their Proctor lawfully constituted, praying the Bishop to proceed with the business, as also their election pursuant to letters, from the patron of the House, giving licence to elect; and proclamation was made at the door of

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 175. (Appendix, XXIII.)

² Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 3. (Appendix, XXIV.)

the Church that any one desiring to object to the person elected or to the form of election should appear and propound his objection; and, none appearing, the Bishop appointed the following Saturday to proceed in the matter. On which day and place the said Proctor and Elect appeared, and no objection was made; and all submitted entirely to the Bishop's decision. But the Bishop held that the election and form of election was in many respects null and altogether invalid, wherefore the duty of providing the Church with a Prior devolved upon him, *pleno jure*, for this turn; and he made an appointment for the Elect and the Proctor of the House to attend at the same place on the Monday following, to do and receive in the matter as justice might require.

Afterwards, on the Monday, at the sitting of the Court, the Bishop preferred the said Brother John Hansard to the Priory, by a formal Decree, and committed to him its administration as well in spiritualties as in temporalties; and on 2nd April issued a mandate, addressed to the Official of the Archdeacon of Surrey for the induction, and also letters to the Precentor and Concanons announcing the appointment and enjoining obedience as required by the Rules of the Order.¹

These forms are highly interesting, for we find that the various steps required to be taken, and the extreme care with which the election, confirmation, and induction of a Prior, however small the Priory might be, were conducted, and with the same care and legal precision, and the exact forms and even formulary as were customary upon the election, confirmation, and installation of a Bishop; and here it may be noted that, though monastic institutions under ecclesiastical sanction and control do not now subsist in the English Church, yet, in reference to the Episcopate, the same forms are systematically observed at the present day, and the very wording of the various documents (merely translated into English) are still used as they have come down to us, and have been in use during eight hundred or a thousand years.

¹ Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 3. (Appendix, XXV.)

The question as to the acquisition by grant of Land at Okestede without Licence in Mortmain, again cropped up. Upon an Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, held in the 19th year of King Edward II (1325 or 1326), the Jury said that the King's Eschaetor for the County of Surrey had legally found, upon a certain Inquisition held before himself, *ex officio suo*, that the Prior of Tanrugge had appropriated to himself and his House, 5 acres of land, with their pertinents, in Okstede, of the gift and grant of Henry att Donne of Warlyngham, made to the House in the time of the King, the father of the present King, subsequent to the publication of the enacted Statute of Lands and Tenements in Mortmain, without obtaining Licence of the King. But they said that the said Prior was seized of the said 5 acres of land, as parcel of a carucate, from the time of their gift and assignment until the Eschaetor took the same into the King's hands by virtue of the said Inquisition.¹ This is just the same property with respect to which Inquisitions had been held in the same King's 4th year and in the time of his predecessor, showing the uncertainty prevalent in such matters.

The appointment of John Hansard as Prior seems to have been an unfortunate one, for although no fault was charged against him, he appears to have become quite incapable of the due rule and management of the House, whether from the effect of age or else from lack of the requisite ability; and the Bishop, in consequence either of an appeal to him, or, at all events, from information received, caused Letters to be addressed on a day occurring between the 25th March and the 25th June, 1330 (the precise date of which is left blank in the record but apparently was the 31st May²), to Sir Laurence de Rustynton, wherein he recited that he had lately visited the

¹ Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, 19 Edward II, No. 6. (Brit. Mus., Add. MS. 6167, fol. 415.) (*Appendix, XXVII.*)

² Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 51. The entry says: "Dat apud Essh'e, iij^o k^ln (blank), anno Dⁿⁱ m^litio CCC^{mo} t'eesimo, et cons^ult^o viij^o:" the 7th year of his consecration ended on 25th June. He was at Esher on 2nd kalend of June 1330. (*Appendix, XXVI.*)

Prior and Brothers of the House, and for certain lawful causes had interdicted the Prior from administration of the goods of the House until he (the Bishop) should issue further directions. The Bishop now deputed Sir Laurence to be Co-adjutor to the said Prior, directing that without his counsel and assent neither the Prior nor anyone else should in any way meddle in the goods of the House; and committed to him until further order the care and administration of the said goods. Given at Essh'e ij kal. (blank) 1330, and of his consecration the 7th.

At the same time and place Letters were written to the Prior, informing him of the appointment of the Co-adjutor.¹

The incapacity of Prior John Hansard, however, became still more pronounced and led to a Canonical Visitation of the House by the Bishop, on the 4th September, 1335, when the Prior, on account of bodily weakness and personal incapacity, freely resigned his rule; whereupon his cession being admitted and canonically accepted, the Canons placed the vacant appointment in the hands of the Bishop, to fill up. The Bishop appointed Brother Philip de Wokingham, of the Monastery of Newerk, a professed Canon of the same Order, and in priest's orders, a prudent and discreet man, and very circumspect in temporal and spiritual matters; the licence of the Prior of Newerk being first obtained. A Decree to that effect was accordingly made in the presence of Master John Lowe, Professor of Civil Law; Henry de London, Rector of the Church of Withihame, in the Diocese of Chichester; and William de Alresford and John de Beautre, Notaries Public by Apostolic authority.²

Perhaps it was through the incapacity of John Hansard, but at all events during his incumbency, the Manor of Westhall, in Warlingham, given to the Priory at some antecedent period, was granted on lease, to Charles, Parson of Collesdon, whereby the Priory was,

¹ Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 51. (*Appendix, XXVI.*)

² Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 26 v. (*Appendix, XXVIII.*)

it would appear, deprived for the time of any benefit from it ; for we find (as stated by Manning and Bray) that the King, by writ to the Exchequer, did quit the Priory of Tandridge of the 15th due on account of the Manor.¹

The appointment of Philip de Wokingham to be Prior, proved unfortunate; instead of striving to remedy the mischiefs which the incapacity of his predecessor had necessarily caused to the House, he deserted his flock and went no one knew whither ; and, it must be presumed, they needed him and applied to the Bishop for aid ; since we find that, on the 17th January, 1341, a Decree was issued by the Ordinary, addressed to the Official or Commissary General directing him to cite the Prior, and admonish him to residence, under pain of the law. The decree is prefaced by a note of the duty of prelates to rule the Lord's churches and feed his flock, and use all diligence to preserve them by the laws and powers of the church from inroads of the ravenous wolf ; it sets forth that he (the Bishop) had received a serious complaint from the Canons of the Priory that Brother Philip, their Prior, had absented himself (*se fraudulenter absentavit*) and for no little time deserted them without due licence, or reasonable or honest cause, and resided in unknown places. Lest, therefore, from dereliction of governance of the church, its discipline and straight rule should be shipwrecked (*quod absit*), he strictly enjoined and commanded his Commissary, by virtue of his obedience, to enquire after the Prior in places where he was believed to be likely to be found, and, if possible, personally serve him with this Citation and Monition ; otherwise by his Proctor if he should have appointed any in the said church, and among his family and friends publicly ; and admonish him to return to his church and cure, within the time fixed by

¹ Manning and Bray, Vol. II, p. 429. The date stated is the 10th Edward I (1282), which is clearly an error, as the writ refers to John Hansard as the late Prior : he held the office from 1325 to 1335. Probably it should be the 10th year of King Edward III (not 1st), 1336 or 1337. The authors give no reference to the authority for their statement,

the ecclesiastical canons, and diligently rule the same. And further, that the Official should certify by his Letters Patent to the Bishop the reception of the Citation within 5 days of its receipt. Dated at Esshore the 17th day of the month of January, 1340-1, and the 8th of the Bishop's translation.¹

This Citation was followed on the 28th July by another, addressed to the Official, in which the former document was recited, and then the fact that the Prior had been diligently sought, but in vain, and that he had left no proctor in the church, and that the Decree had been thrice published amongst his family and friends, calling upon him to return within the time limited by the canons, and diligently rule, which he had neglected to do, as appeared by Letters certificatory. In such default, the Bishop now directed that the Prior should be peremptorily cited to appear before him or his Commissary in Winchester Cathedral on the 7th juridical day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and show reasonable cause, if he had any, why he should not be deprived, and further to do and receive as under canonical sanction the business might require. The day of the receipt of this Citation to be duly certified at the said time and place. Given at Farnham the 28th July, 1341, and the 8th year of the Bishop's translation.²

The Citations having proved ineffectual, the Bishop issued a Commission to his Official to proceed with the Deprivation, in which was recited that the original Citation had been served in the church on the 21st January, then on the 8th March, and finally on the 29th June; without effect. The Bishop therefore committed to his Official his authority, for this occasion, for the deprivation. Dated at Waltham, 22nd September, 1341.³

The Sentence is dated two days later, viz.: on the 6th kalend of October. It recites the complaint made, the

¹ Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108. (*Appendix, XXIX.*)

² *Ibid.* (*Appendix, XXX.*)

³ *Ibid.*, fol. 108 *v.* (*Appendix, XXXI.*)

Monition to the absent Prior, and its triple publication in default of any other practicable form of service, and the peremptory Citation and non-appearance, and the final adjournment to this day, when in default of appearance he was pronounced contumacious; and in pain of such contumacy, and duly weighing the said circumstances, the Bishop pronounced by Definitive Sentence that the said Philip be amoved and deprived of his church; and decreed that those to whom the election of a future Prior belonged might proceed to an election. Given by the Official of the Diocese in the Consistorial Place in Winchester on the 6th kalend of October (26th September) in the year of our Lord 1341, the tenth of the Indiction, and the seventh year of the pontificate of Pope Benedict the 12th. There being present the discreet men Messieurs John de Enham and John de Ware, advocates in the said Consistory, and Messieurs Roger Bryan and Roger Scolys by apostolic authority notaries public &c.; and witnesses &c.¹

The great formality and precision with which the whole proceeding was carried out will be specially noted, as well as the great care with which the final decree was delivered and attested, and the several forms in which the date is specified after the custom usual only in matters of more than ordinarily grave importance.

The Convent thereupon proceeded to fill up the vacancy by the election of the religious man, brother John de Merstham, a Canon of their Church; and on the Monday being the day after the feast of St. Martin (*i.e.* on the 12th November), before John de Wolveleye, the Commissary of the Bishop, specially deputed in this matter, and in the parish church of Farnham (under the direction of Adam de Wambergh, Official of Winchester and Commissary General), all persons desiring to object to the election, either by reason of form or the person elected, having been cited and called and none appearing or opposing, any future opposition was declared to be excluded. The Decree of Election and 5 other letters

¹ Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108 v. (Appendix, XXXII.)

under seal of the Convent being exhibited by their Proctor lawfully constituted, there were produced two witnesses to the full facts of the Election, viz. Brother John de Sontynge, Canon of the Church, and Sir William, Chaplain of the parish church of Tanrugge, who being admitted as witnesses were sworn and examined ; and the business was adjourned to the following day in the Chapel of Farnham Castle, there to do and receive as unto right and justice might appertain in the premises. On which day and place the Elect and the Proctor attended before the Commissary General, and the Petition and all other documents relating to the election being read and considered, the Commissary proceeded to a Final Decree in the name of the Bishop, reciting the election to the vacancy and pronouncing that all the requisites for the election of a fit person had been fulfilled and canonically celebrated ; and (the Grace of the Holy Spirit having been invoked) he confirmed the election, fully committing to the Elect the cure and administration of the said Church ; and the Canticle *Te Deum laudamus* being solemnly sung, and all other things accustomed in such cases being performed, the elected Brother John made the accustomed acknowledgment of obedience to the Bishop.¹

This formal Decree was followed by Letters from the Bishop to Brother John de Merstham, the new Prior, reciting the vacancy by the deprivation of Brother Philip de Wokyngham, late Prior, and the subsequent election ; and confirming the Elect in the Priory, and fully committing to him the pastoral cure and administration thereof, with firm hope that, by Divine Grace, the Priory might through his faithful ministry increase in prosperity. Dated at Farnham the 13th November in the year of our Lord 1341, and in the eighth of the Bishop's translation.²

The series of documents was completed by a Commission addressed by the Bishop to the Prior of Reigate

¹ Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 109. (*Appendix*, XXXIV.)

² *Ibid.*, fol. 109 v. (*Appendix*, XXXV.)

and perpetual vicar of the parish church of Walkenestede. It recites that Master William Inge, Archdeacon of Surrey *de facto* and not *de jure*, being under the greater excommunication for notorious excesses, defaults, and offences, and so publicly pronounced in this and the adjoining dioceses; he therefore directed the Commissioners to instal the said Brother John de Merstham in the Choir and place in the Chapter hitherto assigned to the priors. Dated at Farnham the 13th November above mentioned.¹

Archdeacon William Inge, who was thus superseded, became Archdeacon of Surrey in 1327, but before long came into collision with the Bishop—from whose fault does not appear; and thenceforth was engaged in constant litigation with him and his successor. The Archdeacon was suspended in 1332, for non-appearance to a Citation in a suit respecting a Vicarage, and in 1334 was excommunicated, but the sentence was over-ruled by the Archbishop, on appeal; in the following year he was again excommunicated, and his appeal to the Archbishop was unsuccessful: towards the end of the year 1339, we find him still under excommunication.²

Upon an Inquisition on the death of Hugh le Despenser, who died in the year 1350,³ respecting all knights' fees, &c., held by him of the King *in capite*, and taken at Croydon, it was found that three knights' fees in Chelsham and Warlingham, which were held in domain of the said Hugh, by Andrew Pendrell, John Redmigersh, and the Prior of Tanrugge, were of the value, from all sources, of Ten pounds per annum. The shares of the several occupants are not stated.⁴

On the 13th February, 1351–2, an Inquisition upon the death of John de Warlynham was held, and the Jurors found that the Manor of Tanrugge was charged from old time with an annual payment to the Prior of

¹ Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 109 *v.* (Appendix, XXXVI.)

² *Ibid.*, fols. 23 *v* and 81.

³ Manning and Bray, II, p. 123.

⁴ *Inquis. post mortem*, Hugh le Despenser. (Add. MS. 6169, fol 157.)

Tanridge of xx*s.* viij*d.* payable at the feasts of Easter and St. Michael, by equal portions, as appeared by a fine levied in the Curia Regis. And they found that the perquisitions of the Court there were worth xij*d.* per annum. And that John de Warkyngton (? Warlyngton) died on the xij*j* day of February, &c. And they found that John Warblynton (? Warlyngham),¹ son of the said John deceased, was the next heir, and of the age of 6 years.²

An Inquisition was held at Croydon on the 14th April, 1351 (25th Edward III), when it was found that it would not be to the damage of the King or others if Licence were granted to Walter de Mestham, Parson of the Church of Lymenesfeld to grant to the Prior and Convent of Tanrigge two messuages, one hundred and forty³ acres of land, 14 acres of meadow, 13 acres of wood, and two shillings and eight pence rents in Tanrigge and Wolkenstede; to hold to them and their successors in perpetuity, towards the support of a Canon-Chaplain to celebrate Divine Service daily for the souls of all faithful departed, for ever. It was also found that all the said tenements were held of John Forester of Wolkenestede by the service of Twenty-four shillings per annum, for all service, and payments of 3*s.* 4*d.* to the Prior of Merton, and 3*s.* 4*d.* to Katherine, Widow of John de St. John of Nagham. Further, that John Forester, Robert de Stangrave, and the heir of Hugh le Despencer were mesne lords between the King and the said Walter. And that the messuages, lands, meadow, and wood, were worth 10*s.* per annum beyond the rent resolute, and no more.⁴

Consequent upon this finding, Letters Patent were on the 3rd May following granted by the King, in

¹ The variations of spelling of the name are presumably clerical errors.

² Inquisition, 25 Edward III, No. 54. (Brit. Mus., Add. MS. 6167, fol. 416.) (*Appendix, XXXIII.*)

³ This would appear to be a clerical error for one hundred and four score, which is the quantity stated in the Patent.

⁴ Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, 24 Edward III, Surrey, No. 21.

consideration of a fine of 40s. The quantity of "land" is definitely stated as 180 acres, and the celebration of Divine Service is specified as to be performed in the Priory.¹

Upon the resignation of Prior John de Merstham in 1380, Richard French was elected as his successor, but, on the 8th May following, a Commission to enquire into the regularity of the election was issued:² however, he died while holding the office, on 9th December, 1403,³ and was succeeded on 14th March following by William Sonderesh, though the Bishop again declared the election void, but himself appointed the elected person to the office.³

There is an account of the Rents payable to the Priory at the Feasts of St. Michael, the Lord's Nativity, Easter, and St. John, in the 9th year of King Henry IV. His reign began on the 30th of September, so that it is not clear whether, as probably was the case, it was intended to express Michaelmas in his 8th year, and the other feasts in his 9th year, viz. A.D. 1407-8; but whether the date was that year or the next matters little. The account was taken at "Le Barwe" in the parish of Oxstede, and refers to manorial rents and heriots and reliefs when they might happen. They refer also to the Manor of Berstede; and state the amounts receivable at the Manorial Court at Okstede, which (apparently) included St. Peter's pence there (2 pence halfpenny) and amounted to thirty-six shillings and nine pence, with the addition of 12 pence fees of Court. Out of this gross receipt was a payment to the Abbot of Battle of 12 pence for the half-year from Michaelmas to Easter.

Also various returns of rents and payments on account of property at Tanrugge, amongst which may be noted a Collection for the Pope of 3s. 6d., for St. Peter's pence 1d., and in aid of the Sheriff of the County 4d.; at Wolkstede, Chepstede, and the Court of Chelsham, all in

¹ Patent Roll, 25 Edward III, p. 1, m. 12.

² Diocesan Register, *Wykeham*, II, pt. 3, fol. 186 v.

³ *Ibid.*, I, fol. 344 v.

Surrey; Holydene, Chydyngstone, and Edenbridge in Kent; Long Sutton in Hampshire; Hertfyld, including a small payment to the Warden of Pevensey Castle, and the Court of Wythyhamme, &c., in Sussex. And Rents at le Berwe in the parish of Oxstede (where part of a rental included 4 men's labour every autumn, presumably at a bederipe), at Berstede, Tanrugg, Wolkested, Worlingham, and Herfeld, in Surrey, Sondressche in Kent; subject to a rent of 10s. per annum payable on a lease granted by the Prior of Merton (for meadows called Mertonemede and Mertonefeld); and some other holdings: the payments to the lord of Henedene pursuant to a Placitum, were 3d. and 1 cock and 1 hen or 5d., and for another croft 9d. and 1 cock or 3d.¹

Among the Harleian Manuscripts, there is an early transcript of a Rental of the Priory, dated 1431 and 9th Henry VI, and stated to be, at the time of making the copy, in custody of Richard Bostocke of Tanridge, gent.

The amounts are arranged in 4 columns, so as to show at a glance what is receivable each quarter of the year. The following is, briefly, the list:—

John Stoket for lands called Pecies, late of William at Pire, paying thence to Lord, beside a heriot, and suit of Court *a tribus septimis in tres Septem* a quarterly rent of ix^d.

John at Hethe for lands called le Gore, late of John Whynn, late William at Hethe, with returns at same terms, and suit of Court, heriot and relief and homage, and quarterly rent viij^d. ob.

Thomas Wilkin, land late Richard Wilkin, late Eli Aaron, with suit of Court, heriot, and as may happen, and quarterly iiij^d.

Henry at Mille, tenement called Smythes, late Benedick la Seni, suit of Court, heriot, &c., and quarterly vi^d.

John Chawre, Sen^r., land called Teehle, &c., and quarterly ij^d. ob.

Richard at Yard, Sen^r., tenement called Fortes, late Walter Melwards, in alternate quarters ij^d and j^d.

¹ I am indebted to Granville Leveson Gower, Esq., F.S.A., for the loan of a copy of this Rental, but, unfortunately, the reference to the original in the Record Office is lost.

Richard Cowper, 2 tenements called Gardyners and Braces, late held by William Northampton, quarterly $\text{vj}^d.$ ob.

John Crowhurst, Jun^r., tenement called Skynners, late held by Robert Stonehurst, quarterly $\text{iiij}^d.$ ob.

John Crowhurst, Sen^r., tenement called Sawnders, late held by William Pire, quarterly $\text{ij}^d.$

Edmund Mathewe, tenement called Combers, late held by Stephen Mathew &c., quarterly $\text{ij}^d.$

Richard a Yard, Sen^r., holds parcel of that tenement, per annum $\text{j}^d.$

Same Richard, 3 tenements called Pawles, Bugles and Carbonell, late held by Richard Mowsherste, quarterly $\text{v}^d.$

Lawrence Clerke, field of land containing $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres late held by Richard Cowper, next Moultdens, quarterly $\text{vj}^d.$

Same Lawrence Clerke, tenement called Eliotts, late held by Richard Yerde, Sen^r., quarterly $\text{ij}^d.$

John Champyn, tenement called Howewots, late held by John Lysinae, half yearly $\text{j}^d.$

John Pakke, tenement called Oteweyes, late held by William Butcher (Note in margin—*In manus Dñi*), quarterly $\text{ij}^d.$

Richard at Berne, tenement called picards, late held by Richard Cowper, half-yearly $\text{j}^d.$

A footnote in another hand, is subjoined, that

This rentall above recited was made by the Pryor then of Tanridge, and in the same rentall is also contained the other rents of the aforesaid farm rents then belonging to said Pryor.¹

In 1452 the Bishop granted to William Wiltshire, a Canon Regular of the Priory, Letters Testimonial to the effect that, although one Walter Lathum had affirmed to the contrary in a Suit in Court, he the said William was in the year of our Lord 1441 and of King Henry VI the 19th, duly professed of the Order of St. Augustine in this Priory, and under obedience to Brother John Fremyngham at that time Prior; and from that time till the date of the present letters continuously, regularly,

¹ Rental of the manor :—Harleian MS. 4785, fol. 1. The same MS. contains rentals of the manor of Bursted, otherwise Oxsted, for the year 4 Henry VIII, April 1512 to 1513, amounting to $\text{xxiijs. v}d.$; and another dated 18th December, 20 Elizabeth, when the receipts were $\text{xixs. ix}d.$

and laudably remained, and was so held and notoriously reputed. In witness of which things the Bishop set his seal at his Manor of Essher, on the 4th July, 1452, and of his consecration the 5th.¹

Thenceforward, for a long period, no event appears on record beyond the documents connected with the succession of Priors, who were elected, confirmed, and inducted (as mentioned in the subsequent list of Priors), and who held rule over the House; these were John Fremyngham, who was Prior in 1452. John Hamond, who resigned about 1458.² John Graunesden, whose election was confirmed by the Bishop on 15th May, 1458, and in whose time the House seems to have been in serious financial difficulties, for we find that on the 14th October, 1461, a Sequestration was granted by the Bishop to Nicholas Assheton, Justice of the King's Common Bench, John Hamond, a canon regular of the Priory of St. James, Tanrigge, and William Gaynsford and John Elynbrigge, literates (two well-known Surrey names); in which he recites that after an enquiry, made under his authority, by his Chancellor Master William Darsset, Doctor of Laws, he, on account of the waste of goods of the Priory, committed to them the sequestration and care of the fruits, returns, and pervenients thereof. Given at his palace of Wolveseye, under seal, the 14th October, 1461, and of his consecration the 15th.³ This Prior resigned in 1463.⁴ John Odierne was appointed by the Bishop to be Sub-prior,⁴ and died in 1464.⁵ William West, who was appointed by the Bishop, 22nd December, 1464,⁵ and resigned 1467.⁶ John Kyrton, elected 16th April, 1467, resigned in 1469, whereupon the usual Sequestration was granted, on the 10th April, 1469, to Master Hugh Heghstale,

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 15* *v.* (Appendix, XXXVII.)

² *Ibid.*, I, fol. 90 *v.*

³ *Ibid.*, I, fol. 68*.

⁴ *Ibid.*, fol. 108 *v.*

⁵ *Ibid.*, fol. 135 *v.*

⁶ *Ibid.*, fol. 154.

Rector of Blechyngle,¹ and Brother Robert Haysant, a Canon of the Order.² Robert Mitchell, the next Prior, was cited to attend in Convocation in 1470 and in 1472, and again in 1474;³ and so, in 1478, was William, his successor,⁴ and in 1495, Robert, the next Prior after him.⁵

On the 9th July, 1499, John Barnarde, describing himself as Canon and President of the Chapter, addressed Letters to the Bishop, in which he stated as follows:—Consequent upon the voluntary resignation of Sir Robert Michell, late Prior,⁶ the Members of the House conventionally and capitularily assembled on this day, at the hour of 9. in the forenoon, in the Chapter House, and the Canons John Barnarde (himself) as President, Bartholomew Alleyn, William Danne, and William Elmeden, having a voice in the election of Prior, and being the only persons by Law or custom in any way entitled to vote; and they appointed the 11th hour of the same day for the purpose of the election. At which hour the Mass of the Holy Ghost was solemnly sung in their Church, and the bells were rung for them to assemble in Chapter. They then having assembled in the Chapter House, invoked the Grace of the Holy Ghost by devoutly singing the hymn, “Veni Creator Spiritus.” The President made the usual admonition and protestation, and the “Quia propter” constitution of the General Council was read and explained. Having consulted together they resolved to proceed *per viam compromissi*, and nominated their Ordinary, the Bishop, as their compromissary to elect some person to be their Prior; and they humbly petitioned the Bishop to accept

¹ Hugh de Heghstale was instituted Rector of Bletchingly, 19th April, 1451, and died in 1476. (M. and B., II, p. 315.)

² Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, pt. 2, fol. 96*. (Appendix, XXXVIII.)

³ Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, II, fols. 142, 150 v, and 156 v.

⁴ Diocesan Register, *Langton*, fol. 15 v, at foot.

⁵ *Ibid.*, fol. 56 v.

⁶ Robert Michell was appointed by the Bishop on the 13th July, 1499, to be Prior of Reigate, but did not long hold that appointment, for on the 19th November following he was elected Prior of St. Mary Overy.

the burthen of such election. This document was given under their Common Seal, in Chapter, and attested by Simon Watson, Clerk, of the Diocese of York, Notary Public; in the presence of Masters John May, Bachelor in Degrees, Perpetual Vicar of the parish church of Ledered (Leatherhead), and John Richardson of the Diocese of Carlisle, Notary Public.

The Bishop on receipt of this document accepted the position, and nominated Sir Robert Wodd, a Canon Regular, to be Prior.¹

Robert Wodd, or Wode, did not long hold the appointment, for in July following, being less than a twelvemonth, he was nominated by the Bishop to be Prior of the Priory of St. Denis, near Southampton; ² and on the 9th July, 1500, John Barnarde, Bartholomew Alyn and William Danne, Canons, addressed a letter to the Rev^d. Father and Lord, the Lord Thomas, by Divine Permission Bishop of Winchester, their most singular lord (domino nostro singulari), to the effect that the Priory, being now vacant by the free resignation of Sir Robert Wode, late Prior, made to the Bishop, and by him accepted, they empowered the Bishop to nominate a Prior for them, they renouncing for this turn all their right and power of election. Given under their Common Seal at their Chapter House on this day.³

On the 11th August following, the Bishop, having accepted the submission, nominated to the Office Sir John Forster, a Canon Regular of the Order. Dated at Merewell.³ Robert Mitchell seems to have returned, for we find him mentioned on the Court Rolls from 1521 to 1524:⁴ he resigned on 24th February, 1524, and was succeeded on 21st February, 1525, by John Lyngfeld, the last Prior.⁵

Among the Harleian Manuscripts is a little volume of post-octavo size, containing a collection of forms of legal

¹ Diocesan Register, *Langton*, fols. 51 and 52.

² *Ibid.*, fol. 54.

³ Diocesan Register, *Langton*, fol. 55.

⁴ Harleian MS. 4785.

⁵ Diocesan Register, *For*, V, fol. 95.

documents, or *Formulare*, dating towards the latter part of the 15th century, amongst which is the form of a Corredy granted by John, Prior of Tanridge, and the Convent of the same. The number of Priors named John is curious: there were four successively within a few years in the middle of the 15th century, viz: John Fremyngham, who died in 1441; John Hamond, who resigned in 1460 and was succeeded by John Graunesden, who resigned in 1463; his successor John Odierne, Prior or Sub-prior, died in 1464, and John Kyrton, who was elected in 1467, resigned in 1469. The grant might have been made by either of these, but more probably by John Forster, who was nominated to be Prior on the 11th August, 1500, which would fairly coincide with the probable date of the Manuscript in which the form is preserved. A corredy was a grant in the nature of a provision for life made by a corporate body to some individual, presumably for an adequate valuable consideration, but the nature or value of the consideration is not usually stated. Such grants were very frequently made by monastic houses, and generally no doubt to their ultimate advantage, but in many cases so improvidently that various monasteries became, for the time at least, seriously impoverished: in fact, corredies were by no means an unimportant item in monastic affairs. But as it might seem to be somewhat wandering from the present limited subject if we went further into details upon this point, we limit ourselves to the document before us, which furnishes a fair example of a corredy.

The Prior and Convent by this Indenture made by the unanimous assent and consent of all the Chapter of the House gave and granted for certain considerations (not specified in this *formulare*) and confirmed to A. B., esquire, the following corredy. Food and drink for himself at the Prior's table, as that of a Canon, with accustomed service and attendance, and allowance for one servant; a room, and a smaller room, and a latrine, all situated within the precincts of the Priory, in the part called "le ffermery;" and there to be always

entertained ; and to be provided with a supply of under-wood for fireing delivered at the door ; one loaf of conventional white bread, a quart of beer, and 2 candles of twelve to the pound, for use in his rooms, or elsewhere as he pleased ; together with a daily supply from the orchards and gardens of the Priory ; and, at will, free entrance and exit without impediment. The Priory moreover undertook to maintain and repair the said rooms at their expense, and to keep up the corredy during the life of the said A. B., under penalty of twenty pence, with power to him and his heirs to enter and distrain for the same.¹ In fact board and lodging for life, for so much down.

Early copies of various Court Rolls are preserved, chiefly of the Manors of Breysted or Bersted,² in Oxted, but as they relate only to parts of the property of the Priory, and moreover run to a very considerable length, it would not seem worth while to give them much space here ; but they may be enumerated as follows :—

- 1502, Michaelmas (18 Henry VII), Court Rolls of John ffoster, Prior of Tanregg, of the tenants of Breysted.
- 1503, May 8 (18 Henry VII), relating to Breysted.
- 1505, May 8 (20 Henry VII), relating to Garston.
- 1507, June 7 (22 Henry VII), Tanrigg.
- 1507, Dec^r. 7 (23 Henry VII), Bersted and Tanrigg.
- 1508, May 16 (23 Henry VII), Bersted and Tenrigg.
- 1512 or 1513 (4 Henry VIII), relating to Bursted otherwise Oxsted ; giving a total rental of xxiiij*s.* *vd.*
- 1521, Feb. 28 (12 Henry VIII), Robert Michell, Prior of Tanrigg, relating to Bersted.
- 1521, Nov^r. 12 (13 Henry VIII), Bersted.
- 1524, May 19 (16 Henry VIII), Bersted.
- 1525, June 8 (17 Henry VIII), Court Rolls of John Lyngfeild, Prior of Tanrigg, relating to Bersted.
- 1526, Oct. 22 (18 Henry VIII), Bersted.
- 1527, Nov^r. 8 (19 Henry VIII), Bersted.
- 1529, April 13 (20 Henry VIII), Bersted.
- 1529, Oct. 11 (21 Henry VIII), Bersted.

The MS. also gives the rental of Bersted on 18th December, 1577 (20 Elizabeth), amounting to xix*s.* *ixd.*

¹ Harleian MS. 1777, fol. 43.

² Harleian MS. 4785, fols. 3 to 16.

In 1522 (14 Henry VIII), an Order was made for an annual grant by the Spirituaty for the King's personal expenses in France for the recovery of the Crown of the same, and the list of contributors was headed by the Lord Legate with £4,000, followed by the Archbishop of Canterbury with £1,000. We find that Tanrigge was put down for £20 (the same as Reigate), which would indicate that its property was assumed to bring in a fairly good amount of revenue.¹

It appears to have been customary to let various parts of the Property on lease ; no example of such a document seems to be now extant, and indeed the chances against the preservation of a long-expired Lease are very great under any circumstances, but especially in such a complete disturbance of legal ownership as took place at the Dissolution of Monasteries. But we find noted in the Ministers' Accounts² the following Leases granted within the period of a few years, from which the usual practice of the House may be assumed :—

On the 21st Sept^r., 1516, the Priory granted a lease of the Rectory of Crowhurst, with all its pertinents, to John Gaynesford and Edward Lee, Clerk, for the term of the life of the said John Gaynesford, at a rent of £2 : 13s. 4d. per annum.

1521, Feb. 27. Lease of the Manor of Sentie, in the parish of Hartfelde, Sussex, to John Haywarde, for 16 years at a rent of £4.

1522, June 28. The Manor of Godstone, and all lands, tenements, meadows, and pastures in the parish of Blechinglye to William Barbour, for 31 years at £4 : 6s. 8d. per annum.

1523, Sept. 16. Sowthelonds, in Tanridge, and 5 cows, to George Topsell, for 4 years, at £3 : 16s. 8d.

1527, March 26. Land called Thomlyn's Londs, in Oxstedd, to Henry Cowper, for 21 years, at a rent of £2 : 10s. Od.

1531, March 20. Tenement called Botelers, in the parish of Tanridge, to Richard Topsell, for 21 years, from Michaelmas 1531, at a rent of £4.

On the same day, a lease of lands called Chamberlonds, Scott's Croft, Myllfelde, Herteslonde, and Downlonds, in Tanridge, to Alice Huntley, for 40 years, at a rent of £2 : 10s. Od.

¹ Record Office, *Calendar of Letters and Papers*, temp. Henry VIII (edited by Brewer) ; Vol. III, p. 1048.

² Ministers' Accounts, 28 and 29 Henry VIII, Surrey, No. 108 (Augmentation Office).

On 12th August following : Moiety of Rectory of Godstone to Robert Darby, for 7 years, at £3 : 11s. 8d.

1534, Oct. 31. Manor of Rokesnest, to Thomas Banee, for 21 years from Michaelmas following, at £9 : 6s. 8d.

1535, Oct. 26. Two tenements and certain lands and closes in Oxtede, to Thomas Aleyne, for 30 years, at £3 : 16s. 8d.

There were also the following Leases about the same period, but of which the precise dates are wanting :—

Land called Studmerhill in Tanrygge, let to John Squyer at 2s. Land called Dirgefelde, let to John Holmann at 5s. 8d.

Twenty acres of land, called Le Olde Parke, to John Lyntoune, at 4s.

Lands called Conny Pytches, Downe Londe, and Ovesnet, to William Dyxon, at 7s.

Lands called Lulling, and Goodweye Londs, to John Pope, at 45s. 4d.

A tenement and 14 acres of land at Barowe with 12 acres of pasture, called Robyns Grove and Multrydene, to Richard Holman, at 35s. 8d.

A tenement and certain lands called Bakers, let to John Marten, at 28s.

Rents of land, tenements and cottages at Godstone, let to William Barbour, as Farmer, at 16s. 8d.

Rent of a field called Priorsfelde, at Godstone, let to William Harlyng, at 6s. 8d.

Farm of certain lands called Brownes, at Chepstede, in tenure of Richard Caddingtonne, at 15s.

A Tenement, with all lands, meadows, feedings and pastures, at Westhall in Warlyngham, to William Comporte, for 26 years, at £4 : 13s. 4d.

The Prior was summoned to attend a Meeting of Convocation in the year 1529,¹ which tends to show that his House at that time was not unimportant.

In the 27th year of King Henry VIII, 15th April, 1535-6, was passed the Act for the Suppression of all Monasteries which had not lands worth above £200 per annum, whereby after reciting the (asserted) daily use and commission commonly in such little and small Abbeys, Priories, and other Religious Houses of Monks, Canons, and Nuns, where the congregation of such Religious Persons was under 12 in number, “to the High Dis-

¹ Record Office, *Calendar of Letters and Papers, temp. Henry VIII* (Edited by Brewer); Vol. IV, p. 2697.

pleasure of Almighty God, and Slander of good religion, and to the great infamy of the King's Highness and the Realm;" and with the object that the inhabitants should be compelled to live in one of the greater Monasteries; it was enacted "That His Majesty shall have and enjoy "to him and his Heirs for ever, all and singular such "Monasteries, Priories, and other Religious Houses of "Monks, Canons, and Nuns, of what kinds of Diversities "of Habits Rules or Order soever they be called or "named, which have not in Lands, Tenements, Rents, "Tithes, Portions, and other Hereditaments, above the "clear yearly value of Two Hundred Pounds;" together with their lands granted (on lease) within a twelve-month previously, and all and singular their Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Services, Reversions, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, Churches, Chapels, Advowsons, Patronages, Rights, Entries, Conditions, and all other Hereditaments to them or any of them, appertaining or belonging (every kind of property, in fact, which could be suggested), to have and to hold *unto the King's Majesty*, and his heirs and assigns for ever, to do and use therewith his and their own wills, to the *pleasure of Almighty God* and to the Honour and Profit of this Realm. The Act orders that the King shall have all Monasteries, Abbies, and Priories, which at any time within one year next before the making of this Act had been given and granted to His Majesty by any Abbot, Prior, Abbess, or Prioress, under their convent seal, or that had otherwise been suppressed or dissolved; showing that the process had already commenced, without even the semblance of right which was then conferred.¹

It would be difficult to suggest a much better *non sequitur* than the reasons given for the confiscation, or a more impudently dishonest pretence for sacrilege.

At what exact date sacrilegious hands were laid upon

¹ Statutes at Large; 27 Henry VIII, cap. 28. The Court of Augmentations which Parliament established at the same time, but by another Act (cap. 27), was in fact a Commission, with special and extensive powers for dealing with the income and disposing of the property itself and handing over the proceeds to the King.

the Priory does not appear, but it was evidently very soon after the passing of the Royal Robbery Act, for the earliest Ministers' Account, being for the year from Michaelmas 1536 (the King's 28th year) to Michaelmas in the following year, refers to a former account not now in existence. The formal surrender, if any, is not extant.

Upon the Suppression thus effected, a Pension was granted to John Lyngfeld, the last Prior, who had held the Office for some time. The King desiring to provide a reasonable annual pension or suitable promotion for him *ad victum et exhibitionem suam* and for his better support: therefore with the advice and consent of the Chancellor and the counsel of the Court of Augmentations of Revenue of the Crown, gave and granted to the said John an Annuity or annual pension of £14 sterling, to have and receive to him, or his assigns, from the feast of the Annunciation of B. Mary the Virgin last past, for the term of his life, or until he should be presented by the King to one or more ecclesiastical benefices, or other suitable promotion, of the same clear value; such pension to be paid by the King's Receiver of such Revenues, by equal payments on the feasts of St. Michael and the Annunciation of B. Mary the Virgin. This order is signed by Richard Ryche, and dated at Westminster, 2nd July, 28th Henry VIII (1536).¹

Evidently, at a date very shortly after the Dissolution, an account of the revenue of the House was prepared, by which it appears that the total gross receipts amounted to four score and six pounds, seven shillings, and ten-pence half-penny; upon which the charges and payments amounted to £7: 10s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; so that there remained a net income of £78: 16s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., besides something from the Priory of Esborne, the account of which was wanting.²

Very soon after the date of the Account, the King, not content with the vast revenue which he had obtained from the confiscated income of Monastic property, pro-

¹ Augmentation Office, Miscellaneous Books, 244, No. 127. (Appendix, XL.)

² Augmentation Office, Miscellaneous Books, 406, p. 49.

ceeded to sell the property itself, in order to raise money for his profligate expenditure.

On the 2nd January, 1537-8, he granted to John Rede, son and heir of William Rede, late of Weybridge in the County of Surrey, Esquire, deceased, All the House and Site of the late Monastery or Priory, suppressed and dissolved by authority of Parliament; and all the Church and Bell-tower, and Cemetry: together with all messuages, houses, edifices, barns, stables, granges, dovecotes, mills, kitchen gardens, orchards, gardens, waters, ponds, vivaria, land and soil, as well within as without, and nigh and adjoining the site limits, circuit, bound and precinct. And also all the domains and Manors of Tanrigge, Oxsted, Garston in Blechinglye, and Westhall in Warlingham, with their men and entire pertinents, in the County of Surrey. And also the Manor of Sentye, in Hertsfelde, with its members and pertinents in the County of Sussex, whether parcel of the late Monastery or belonging or pertaining thereto. As also the Rectories and Vicarages of the parish churches of Tanrigge, Crowherste, and Wawensted¹ otherwise Godstone, with their men, and all pertinents, in the County of Surrey; together with their Vicarages and everything in any way belonging to them; and all and all manner of messuages, houses, edifices, barns, lands, glebes, pensions, portions, tithes, oblations, fruits, pervenients, profits, and emoluments whatsoever of the said Rectories of Tanrigge, Crowherste, Wolkensted otherwise Godstone, or otherwise belonging or pertaining thereto. Also all other domains and manors, and all and singular messuages, tofts, mills, gardens, cottages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, moors, marshes, fields, brueria, underwoods, revenues, returns, services, rents of fees, rents, annuities and returns, and rents of tenements and leases, customs, villans and their offspring, knights' fees, wards, mariages, eschaects, reliefs, heriots, Courts leet, view of frank-pledge, and all matters which pertain or belong to view

¹ Also spelt Wolkensted, Walkinsted, and Walkamstede.

of frank-pledge, assize, assize of bread, and services; goods and chattels, waviats and goods and chattels of outlaws and fugitive felons and of all convicts and felons de se, and deodands; waters, ponds, running streams, wardmote, common fisheries, turbary, and other liberties, jurisdictions, franchises; rectories, privileges, vicarages, advowsons, donations, nominations, presentations and rights of patronage of churches and vicarages, chaplains, chantries, hospitals and other ecclesiastical benefices whatsoever, pensions, portions, annuities, all kind of tithes, oblations, fruits, pervenients, obventions, commodities and all other the King's (so called) possessions, interests, and hereditaments whatsoever, both spiritual and temporal, whether general or special, and by whatever name called, taxed, known, or reputed, situated lying or being in villes, meadows, bounds, parishes, or hundreds of Tanrigge, Oxsted, Crowhurst, Wawensted otherwise Godstone, Blechinglye, Warlingham, and Chepsted, or elsewhere in Surrey; in the parish or hamlet of Hertfeld, Sussex; the ville or parish of Chedingstone, Kent; the hamlet or parish of Longesutton, Hants; and elsewhere in the Kingdom of England and Wales or the Marches. As fully and entirely as John Lyngfelde, late Prior, and his predecessors on the 4th February in the King's 27th year, or previously, when monasteries were dissolved by Parliament begun at London 3rd November in his 21st year and adjourned to Westminster with divers prorogations till 4th February in his 27th year.¹ Which lands and possessions were of the clear annual value of £69: 8s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. To hold to him and his male heirs, of the King and his heirs and successors, *in capite*, by military service, viz., the 20th part of a knight's fee, and the annual payment of £18: 10s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the name of an annual tithe, according to the decision of the Court of Augmentation of the Revenues of the Crown; from Michaelmas (last?)

¹ The Act 27 Henry VIII, cap. 28, gave to the King all monasteries (with their property of all kinds) which had not lands producing a rental of above £200 per annum: it refers to suppressions having already taken place.

for all services, return, exactions, and demands whatsoever.

The Patent gave, in default of heirs male of the Grantee, a remainder to Henry Rede, brother of the said John Rede, and his heirs male; with remainder to Anthony Rede, son of the said William Rede and his heirs male; and in default to Thomas the brother of Anthony; and, failing him and his heirs, to the said John and his heirs and assigns for ever.

And the Grant was warranted against all persons, and free from all returns, fees, annuities, concessions, incumbrances, and all other charges, except as above mentioned, and also excepting an annual payment of 37s. 4d. in respect of certain lands and tenements in Oxsted, to the Lord of Borowghe and his heirs of his Manor of Oxsted; and free from a return of 14s. per annum to Nicholas Carewe, Knt., and his heirs, payable to his Manor of Bletchinglegh, and from 3s. 4d. payable to the Prior of Merton, and 17s. 6d. to the Archdeacon of Surrey for Procurations, and 12d. to the Abbat of Battle, and 13s. 4d. to John Skynner, Gentleman, for life (payable at the Court of the said Prior), and 40s. for fee to Henry Compord (receiver of the late Priory) for his life; and except £12 per annum payable to 2 Chaplains for their stipends as Chaplains¹ of the Churches of Crowhurst and Tanrigge.

And also all profits arising from such grants; from the feast of the Annunciation of B. V. Mary last past. Free from any account.

And it was further granted that he should have Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England, without fee to the great or small Hanaper of the Chancellor.

Given at Westminster on the 2nd January in his 29th year by the King with the authority of Parliament.²

No doubt there was great difficulty in ascertaining the full particulars of the properties of the vast number of Monastic foundations, which were seized by the authority of the King, with the assent of a Parliament composed

¹ Vicars.

² Harleian MS. 4786.

of persons who were some of them subservient to the despotic and ruthless tyrant who ruled the British nation, many venal, but probably not a few culpable only from deficiency of moral courage to do that which they felt right. In some cases, it may fairly be presumed, there were Abbots, or Priors, or minor officials, within whose province the knowledge was contained, who, from whatever motive, furnished very full particulars from which the Commissioners appointed by the Crown to form "the Court of Augmentations of the Revenue of the Crown," in other words, to collect, get in, and manage the property and spoil of the Abbeys, Priors, Chantries, Free Chapels, and similar endowments given freely for the purposes of Divine Worship and works of religion and charity, but now sacrilegiously diverted from the service of God to profligate, heartless prodigalities.¹

In the present case there arose a difficulty, of no great importance, but illustrative of the abundant difficulties which thus occurred, and which had to be overcome, if overcome at all, by means of influence, moral or otherwise.

John Rede thus, "by waie of purchas and eschaunge," obtained Letters Patent under the Great Seal dated 2nd January (1537-8), 29th Henry VIII, with a clause of exoneration whereby he was discharged of payment of a certain rent thereon, or else promised recompence from the King's Majesty for the same, as by the said Letters Patent; and he had also obtained an Indenture, bearing date the 27th January in the same year, made by the King, of the one part, and the said John Rede and Sir Thomas Cromwell, Knt., guardian of the said Thomas Rede during his minority, of the other part, and it appearing that a rent-charge of 23s. 1d. was payable out of the tenement and lands called Seynt Tie (being parcel of the possessions of the Priory in the

¹ It is a noteworthy fact that while for every other English monarch, no matter what were his or her faults, failings, weaknesses, or incapacities, apologists have been found, no one has yet attempted to palliate those of King Henry VIII.

County of Surrey), to the Provost and Scholars of Kynge's Colledge in Cambridge, as belonging to the Manor of Withyham in the County of Sussex. The Court therefore declared that the said John Rede ought to be discharged of the said rent or else to have recompence from the King for the same: and it plainly appeared the said rent had not been paid to the said Provost and Scholars since the time of making the said Letters Patent, though the same was chargeable on the said tenement and lands called Seint Tie; but that the said John Rede ought to be exonerated therefrom. Therefore the Chancellor and General Surveyors of the Court of Augmentations and Revenues of the King's Majesty's Crown, on the 4th June, in the 3rd year of King Edward VI (by the grace of God Kynge of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, Defendour of the Faith, and of the Churche of England and also of Ireland, in earth the supreme hedd), ordered that the said Provost and Scholars and their successors and farmers should have and enjoy the said yearly rent of 23s. 1d., to be payable from the said tenement and lands, together with all arrearages of the same due to them since the making of the said Letters Patent, and be paid by the owners and possessors of the said tenement and lands without any let or denial. And, in consideration thereof and because the said John Rede was deceased, it was ordered and decreed by the said Chancellor and General Surveyors that the heirs male of the said John Rede and other issue (as in the Letters Patent) that he and they should have from the King the said sum yearly, by the hands of the General Receiver of the said Court, being of the King's money and revenues remaining in his hands at the feast of St. Michael the Archaungell yearly; together with the arrearages of the same 23s. 1d. due since the making of the said Letters Patent.¹

From the Ministers' Accounts we learn what were the possessions of the dissolved Priory and their value. The Accounts are stated to be an Account of all Bailiffs,

¹ Augmentation Office, Miscellaneous Books, No. 105, fol. 72 b.

Farmers, and other Ministers of King Henry VIII, from all and singular domains, manors, villages, possessions, and Monastic and Priorie hereditaments in Surrey belonging or in any way pertaining to the Priory lately suppressed and dissolved by authority of Parliament, existing in the hands of the King; viz., from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel in the 28th year of the said King, till the same day in the year following, being one entire year¹ (Michaelmas, 1536, to Michaelmas, 1537). In the case of Tanridge the Account was rendered by Francis Mores, Bailiff and Collector of rents there during such time; and, briefly, runs to the following effect:

The Accountant stated that there were no arrears as shown in the preceding account.²

In Tanryg there were the following rents:—

Lands called Turneys Lands held by Henry Torner by rental made and renewed by the Seneschal on 20 October, 28 Henry VIII, at per ann.	... ijs. ijd.
Harwards Lands ³ held by Robert Heyward at	... ijs. jd. ob.
Luxfords Lands, held by Christopher Luxford at	... vjd.
Hethe Lands held by William Hethe at	... xvjd.
Comport's Lands ⁴ held by John Comport at...	... xxd.
Plawes' Holding, held by John Plawe at	... xvijd.
Standfords, held by Edmund Standford at	... ixd.
Studmerhill, in the tenure of John Squyer by indenture, at	... ijs.
Dirgefelde, in the tenure of John Holmann by indenture, at	... vs. ivd.
Le Olde Parke, 20 acres, in the tenure of John Lyn-tonne, by indenture, at	... iiijs.
Conny Pytches Downe Londe and Ovesnet, in the tenure of William Dyxon, by indenture	... vijs.
Lullinge and Goodweye Londs, in tenure of John Pope, by indenture, at	... xlvs. iiijd.

Annual charges on the following property in Oxstedd:

Welbeek Croft, freehold of Maurice Welbeck	... ijs.
Ball's Londs, freehold of Robert Genys	... iijs.

¹ Ministers' Accounts, 28 and 29 Henry VIII, Surrey, No. 108. (Appendix, XLI.)

² No earlier account can now be found.

³ This may be the property called Howewots in the Rental of 1431.

⁴ Possibly that called Combers in the rental of 1431.

Le Londs, freehold of John a Lee	...	...	...	ijjs. viijd.
Cowpers, tenement, garden, and 1 acre of land, freehold of Henry Cowper	...	...	...	vijjd.
Crowhurst, land, freehold of same	...	...	...	xvijjd.
Holmes Land, freehold of Thomas Holmdenne	...	...	...	ijjs. vjd.
Cokes land, freehold of Richard Coke	...	...	...	xijd.
Alynslonde, freehold of Thomas Aleyne	...	...	...	xijd.
Brokyslonde, freehold of John Boke	...	...	...	vijjd.
Avys, freehold land of William Smythe	...	...	...	ijjs. vjd.
Pyrres, freehold land of John Ownsted	...	...	...	ijjs.
Barowe ; rent of tenement and 14 acres of land, and at Robyns Grove and Multrydenne, 13 acres of pasture let to Richard Holman, by Indenture	...	...	...	xxxvs. viijd.
Bakers ; tenement and certain land let to John Marten, by Indenture	...	...	...	xxviijs.

Rents of divers tenements at Holm in Oxsted :—

Prestfelde, lands let to John Loke, at will	...	...	...	xxxvs.
Tenement in which John Foster lately lived	...	...	...	vijs.
Phelipps, at Barowe ; tenement in which William Grene lately lived	...	...	...	xijs. iiijd.

Charges on property and rent in Godstone :—

Charged on certain lands, tenements and cottages there, by William Barbour, of Godstone, lessee by Indenture	...	...	...	...	...	xvis. viijd.
Priorsfelde ; field let to William Harlyng by Indenture	...	...	...	...	...	vjs. viijd.

Rent of certain lands in Chepstede :—

Brownes ; land in occupation of Richard Caddingtonne, by Indenture	xvs.
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Charge on property in Edenbrydge, Kent :—

Alchornes ; freehold tenement of Andrew Colc	ijjs.
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Charge on property in Chyddington, Kent :—

Charge	vijs. xd.
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Charge on property in Long Sutton, Hants :—

Chobhammes ; freehold lands of Thomas Byflete	xijs.
Perquisition of Court there : no profits, Court not being held in consequence of nothing happening (by oath of Accountant).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Sale of Wood :—

No profits arising from sale of wood or underwood,
none being sold this year.

Total xij*l.* viij*s.* xij*d.* ob.

Against these receipts were the following payments :—

Dnō Borowgh, from lands in Oxstede, as allowed, for one entire year to Michaelmas, in the King's 29th year (1537) ...	...	...	...	...	...	xxxvjs. iiijd.
Nicholas Carewe, knight, for lands in Blechinglie ...						xiiijs.
The Prior of Merton, for lands there ...						iijs. iiijd.
The King, for lands at (left blank) ...						xxxiiijs. vd. ob.
The Abbot of Battle, at his Manor of Brodham ...						xijd.
Archdeacon of Surrey for procurations and synodals of the Church of (left blank) this year, as in previous year ...	...	...	...	...	...	xvijs. vjd.
In remuneration of the said Accountant Bailiff and Collector of rents of all lands and tenements, by discretion of the King's Commissioners (as last year) ...	...	...	...	...	...	xls.
Salary of Clerk of Auditor, for writing this account, as usually allowed to the Clerk of the Auditors of the Duchy of Lancaster ...	...	...	...	...	...	ijs.
In remuneration of John Skynner, Seneschall of the Court there (as last year) ...	...	...	...	...	...	xiijs. iiijd.
Payments allotted for the expenses of himself and other Officials of the King, as by account of particulars ...	...	...	...	...	...	xxs.
Payments made by the Accountant to John Mores, the King's Reeiver of Augmentations for the County of Surrey from outgoings of his office for the year to Michaelmas in the King's 29th year as per account signed by His Majesty's Reeiver ...	...	...	...	...	...	xlijs. vj <i>3d.</i>

The total of all allowances and payments xll. vs. 11*3d.* and debit xlijs. vj*3d.* paid to John Reade, to same date, by virtue and force of Letters Patent dated 2nd January following, and enrolled.

It was thus balanced.

The accounts undermentioned of the year's rent were rendered by tenants holding for unexpired terms under Leases which had been granted to them by the Prior and Convent. In each case they claim to have paid the rent for half of the year to John Reade by virtue of his Letters Patent, and the other half to the King's Reeiver, whereby the account was balanced; and they

respectively state that there were no arrears, as shown at the foot of the previous account.

Nicholas Carne, for rent of lands in domain	...	xxvi. vjs. viijd.
Thomas Bance, for rent of the Manor of Rokesnest with a house called le Tyle House held by him under Lease given under the seal of the Prior and Convent, and dated the last day of October in the 26th year of King Henry VIII (1534), to hold from Michaelmas following that date, for 21 years at a rent of	... ... ... ...	ixl. vjs. viijd.
George Topsell, for rent of a messuage or tenement in Tanredge, called Sowthlonds, held by him under Indenture given under Seal of the Convent and dated 16th September in the King's 15th year (1523); together with rent of 5 cows; for a term of 4 years from Michaelmas following that date, at a rent of	... ... ... ...	lxxvjs. viijd.
Alice Huntley for rent of lands called Chamberlonds Scott's Croft, Myllfelde, Harteslonde, and Downlonds, in Tanridge, held by her under Indenture given under Seal of the Convent and dated 20th March, in the King's 21st year (1529-30), for a term of 40 years	... ... ... ...	ls.
Richard Topsell for rent of a tenement called Botelers, in the parish of Tanridge held by him under Indenture given under seal of the Convent and dated 20th March in the King's 21st year (1529-30), to hold from Michaelmas 1531 for a term of 21 years	... ... ... ...	iiijl.
Henry Cowper for rent of land called Thomlyn's Lands in the parish of Oxstedd, held by him under Indenture given under seal of the Convent and dated 26th March in the King's 18th year (1527), for a term of 21 years	... ... ...	ls.
Thomas Alyn (or Aleyne) for rent of two tenements and certain lands and closes in Oxsede, held by him under Indenture given under seal of the Convent and dated 26th October in the King's 27th year (1535), for a term of 30 years	...	lxxvjs. viijd.
Robert Darby, for rent of the half part of the Rectory of Godstone, together with tithes of all corn in the parish of Wolkhamstedd, held by him under Indenture given under seal of the Convent and dated 12th August in the King's 22nd year (1530), by equal half-yearly payments at the feasts of the Nativity and of St. John Baptist...		lxxjs. viijd.
William Barbour, for rent of the Manor of Godstone, with all lands, tenements, meadows, and pastures, in the parish of Blechinglye, held by him under		

Indenture given under seal of the late Priory on 28th June in the King's 14th year (1522), for a term of 31 years ...	... ... ... ...	iiijl. vjs. vijd.
John Gaynsford, knt. ¹ and Edward Lee, clerk, for rent of the Rectory of Crowhurst, Surrey, with all its pertinents, held by him under Indenture given under Seal of the Convent on 21st Septem- ber in the King's 8th year (1516), for the life of the said John Gaynsford... ...	... ... ...	lijs. iiijd.
John Haywarde, for rent of the Manor of Sentie, in the parish of Hartfelde, Sussex, held by him under Indenture given under seal of the Convent on 27th February in the King's 12th year, for a term of 61 years ...	... ... ... ...	iiijl.
William Comporte, for rent of a tenement with all lands, meadows, feedings and pastures, with all pertinents held by him under Indenture given under seal of the Convent on (date blank) for a term of 26 years, and payable by quarterly pay- ments ... ... ... ... ...	... ... ... ... ...	iiijl. xiijs. iiijd.

I do not propose to trace further the history of the possessions of the Priory beyond noticing that the last remains were disposed of by authority of the Parliamentary "Commissioners for selling the Fee Farm Rents belonging to the Commonwealth of England," on the 25th March, 1651.² The task would, to the Writer, be simply a wearisome and distasteful one; probably wearisome also to the Reader: but if any one should wish to trace upwards their history they will no doubt find all that they want, up to the date of Manning and Bray's invaluable County History, in the carefully wrought-out studies of that work, and subsequently continued in the recent reprint and continuation of Brayley's *History of Surrey*.³

¹ Sir John Gaynesford, of Crowhurst, was Sheriff of the County in 1500 and again in 1517: he married 6 times and had 20 children, and died in 1543, and was buried at Guildford. (Paper by late G. R. French in *Surrey Archaeological Collections*, III, p. 60.)

² Augmentation Office, Deeds of Sale of Fee-Farm Rents, K. 1, No. 13.

³ Brayley's *History of Surrey*; reprint and continuation by Walford, published in 1882, Vols. III and IV.

Having now set forth the historical records of the Priory, it may be well to refer to the unrecorded, private life of the Canons who dwelt there.

It seems strange, at first sight, though it is a fact, that we know very little indeed of life in a mediæval monastery: but on consideration it is not strange, since the events of ordinary, daily, common-place life are just those which are the least likely to be recorded. Even as regards secular life in the middle ages, there is little known except what we can pick up casually, especially from such writers as Froissart and Monstrelet, the Chroniclers, the Homilists, and, perhaps more than all, from the Story-tellers. Amongst such of their works as have come down to us we note little bits, which at length being sorted, compared, and harmonized, give up what upon the whole is no doubt a fair general picture of the life of secular persons; especially, of course, those of the upper classes; and later on, when diaries began to be kept, the information to be extracted from them (the Diaries of Machin and Pepys, for example) is invaluable. But of the rarely eventful life of a monk, no such record has reached us, if any ever existed.

On a general view of the subject it is not therefore so strange, as at first sight might appear, that we really know very little of life in a mediæval monastery. There were certain well-known general rules of obedience, poverty, and chastity; the due performance of Divine Service at the Seven Canonical Hours; and the observance of Ecclesiastical fasts; and other duties, to which the inhabitants of all monastic establishments were bound; but the actual, definite rules were few, and their requirements differed greatly according to the particular Order to which the House belonged; beyond this it would appear that the minor rules, important as they were to those whose whole lifetime, from morning to night, and night to morning, from youth, perhaps, till old age and death, were governed by them, absolutely depended on the will of each House as from time to time enacted in Chapter; though probably, as a matter of fact, what had been originally agreed upon became fixed, and was rarely, if ever, altered.

There was, however, very great difference in the austerity or ease, and habits of the various branches of the great monastic communities. Some were distinguished by bitter severity and self-mortification; others, leading an easier life, did vast service to the Church and world by study and learning; while some devoted themselves almost exclusively to preaching, teaching, or works of charity. In the category I purposely omit the friars, through whom, mainly, discredit was brought upon monastic life in general, and to whom the scandalous stories of the early story-tellers and satirists refer; so that when the King, like Ahab, coveted the possessions of others, there was less public feeling shown in favour of monasteries than would otherwise have been manifested, even at the hazard of vengeance from his tyranny.

Leaving monastic life generally, we must limit ourselves to a short notice of the Canons Regular of the Order of St. Augustine, who were for the sake of brevity commonly called Austin Canons. Their communities may, in a few words, be described as small joint-stock companies, who, in partnership, farmed and let their land, and lived a religious, regular, quiet, bachelor life.

“Among them,” said a writer in the 13th century, “one is well shod, well clothed, well fed. They go out when they like, mix with the world, and talk at table.”¹ And so we find them favourably referred to by a very early author of a sober tone of mind, viz., in Piers Plowman’s Crede, where, after severely censuring the Franciscans as then so widely strayed from “Fraunceses rewle,” he adds:²—

“But Austines ordynaunce was on a good trewþe.”

Of course there were Rules which formed the basis of the system under which the Austin Canons (and various other Orders of Monks) were primarily bound, and

¹ Satire by Guyot de Provins, quoted in Fosbrooke’s *British Monachism*, p. 65.

² Piers Plowman’s Crede, line 509 (Early English Text Society’s Ed., p. 19).

which were subsequently somewhat extended. It appears to have taken centuries before the numerous communities of monks, hermits, and recluses settled down into anything like a systematic classification; but a Rule was laid down by St. Augustine of Hippo (who died A.D. 430), to which various Orders bound themselves as the basis of their organization; though even as to this the particular document in which the ordinance was comprised is a controverted point.¹ The several writers on the subject have never been able to agree about the true Rule of St. Augustine, whether it consisted in two Discourses of his, or in his 109th Epistle directed to Religious Persons. Be that as it may, all those that follow the Rule of St. Augustine, as well monks as nuns, acknowledge no other Rule but that 109th Epistle. His Rule, which was stated to be for the purposes of avoiding differences and discords, was, briefly, as follows:—

In the first place, he says, the members of the convent assembled together should dwell in the house and be of one mind, one heart, and one soul in God. None to claim anything as of his own, but all things to be in common: and to each be distributed food and clothing, not alike to all, but as the needs of each require, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles (IV, 32—35). What everyone joining the community possesses, to be thence-forward held in common; and if they possess nothing, not to be proud of their position in sharing its goods. To observe the settled hours and times of prayer, and to perform no other work in the Oratory, but that no impediment be placed in the way of any who wished to pray there at other times: Psalms and Hymns, with Prayer to God, to be there poured out with heart and voice; to sing only what is directed to be sung.

Let them mortify their flesh by fasting and abstinence as much as health will permit (with exception of the sick); and take no food except at meals. At table listen to what is customarily read, without noise or strife:

¹ Dugdale, *Monasticon Anglicanum*; Stevens' Supplement, II, p. 65.

and use, then, their jaws for eating only, and their ears for hearing the word of God. But the sick and infirm to be otherwise treated in respect to food and other matters.

Let them not be remarked by their habit, nor endeavour to please by their clothing, but by their behaviour. The head and hair be covered and carefully arranged.

When going out, two to walk together: on arriving at their destination there remain until their return. Conduct themselves with modesty of eyes and behaviour, for immodesty of eye tells of immodesty of heart.

The clothing of the community to be kept in one place, under the care of one or more of them, and delivered out publicly; and its washing to be done under order of the *Præpositus*.

Anything requisite obtained from the Cellarer, whether clothing or books, to be served out by him without grudging, but, as a rule, at fixed hours.

There be no strife, or malediction; obedience be given to the Superior; and all to live in fragrant conversation.¹

Even in the 11th century there were Regular Canons of the Rule of St. Augustine, but it is certain that they did not begin to make solemn vows till the 12th century. Pope Innocent II, in the Lateran Council, A.D. 1139, ordained that all Regular Canons should submit to that Rule, and then they all took the name of Regular Canons of St. Augustine.

The most universal reformation which concerned all the different bodies of Regular Canons was made in 1339 by Pope Benedict XII, who, to that effect, drew up Constitutions containing 64 Articles or Paragraphs, which he directed should be universally observed.

Some pretended that these Constitutions were abrogated by Pope Clement VI, successor of Benedict; though probably not.

These Constitutions run to a very great length, but

¹ Migne, *Patrologiæ cursus* : S. Augustin ; *Epistolarum, Classis III, cxxi* (olim 109). Vol. II, p. 958.

their nature may be gathered from the headings to the several chapters into which they are divided, and these I must only stay to indicate still more briefly, as follows:—The making of Canons; their profession; prohibited from holding any preferment; the claustral prior; daily assembly in chapter; annually in a larger chapter, and from time to time in chapter of all the Houses in the Province; as to visitors; subventions; students in churches and monasteries; providing students and their maintenance; occupation of benefices; sick and infirm; continued observation of old customs; horses and servants not to be kept on the premises;¹ provision of benefices for those in Orders; wearing of honest habit;² entering or leaving the House only by permission; alienation of property forbidden; various directions as to letting and management of property; food and abstinence; dormitory without separate cells; privileges and dispensations; celebration of masses, confessions, and communion; Relics and care of ornaments; trial of certain causes prohibited; hunting forbidden;³ against delators; precaution against collapse of churches and monasteries; Canons not to act as dealers and merchants; conspiracies in the House; and fugitives from it.⁴

The daily Chapters were an important and perhaps almost an essential element in the welfare of a House, since everything of however small importance was there discussed. In the annual Chapters matters of a wider range were discussed with other Houses of the Order; while the triennial General Chapters of the Province

¹ In the wealthier monasteries, at least, each of the Canons had his servant and often his horse; but, possibly, they were not kept on the premises.

² Extra septa ecclesiarum . . . Capas seu mantellos honestos, vel rodondellos, seu clochias talares, &c. Surplices a cubit wide, at the least, and hanging to the middle of the thigh, and having long sleeves.

³ Possibly the rules were, in later times, more often broken in this particular than in any other: it would be easy to give references to repetitions of these injunctions, as referred to in a subsequent note.

⁴ Cotton MS. *Vespasian*, D. 1, Art. 2.

were in their nature calculated to be of great value; but the impediment of journeying in those days from all parts of the kingdom to the place appointed, and the very heavy cost, and the time occupied, were so great that we need not wonder if repeated Injunctions were necessary in order to maintain the observance of the Rule which required attendance. Thus, in 1281, Archbishop Peckham, in his Constitutions of that date, refers to excuses made by many Houses, on account of their having formerly belonged to Mother Churches beyond the sea, though long since separated, or by reason of their ceremonies differing from other Houses of the same Order in the Province of Canterbury; and he directs that they be admonished by the Bishops that they duly assemble in General Chapter to treat concerning the government and reformation of the Order, and of ceremonies, and any other, if any, notable diversity in substantials of religion.¹ It may be noted that the only diversity mentioned in the gloss relates to costume. But, so far as we find, the Acts of General Chapters seem to have been chiefly directed towards keeping the numerous and scattered monasteries comprised in the body, up to the due observance of the general Rules. In this it does not appear clearly that much more was performed than by the Bishops who, as visitors, from time to time addressed Injunctions and Admonitions to the monasteries within their respective dioceses, as to themselves seemed fit.²

¹ Constitutions of Archbishop Peckham, 1281: Wilkins, *Concilia*, II, p. 58.

² For example, the Bishop of Winchester, on the 27th September, 1387, addressed Letters to the Convent of Merton (so nearly allied with Tanridge in its earlier days), exhorting them to adhere more closely than they had been doing to the original Constitutions of St. Augustine. They extend to very great length and refer to attendance at Divine Service, vain conversation, performance of omitted Masses, secular persons passing in the monastery, the care of the church and monastery doors, insufficient knowledge of some of the Canons and the Constitutions of Othobon, old clothing, absence without leave, arrangements in the dormitory, forbidding hunting, reproving non-attendance of Officers at Divine Service, reduced numbers, care of property, half-yearly accounts and repairs, forbidding grant of corrodies

It requires little knowledge of human nature to be aware that, however well organised any institution may be, and however thoughtfully ruled, things will certainly exhibit a downward tendency, and as time rolls on some kind of reformation becomes necessary in order, at least, to regain the original position. The misfortune generally is, that Reformers in their well-intentioned zeal frequently work serious harm, or even destruction. Amongst the Austin Canons (and, no doubt, all the Monastic Orders) in the course of time grave reforms had become needed. Thus it was that, at the General Chapter of the Order held at Leicester in 1513, there were passed certain Resolutions (as we should call them) to the effect that a thorough reformation of the whole Order both in head and members had become necessary, in order to preserve it from impending ruin. But it is difficult to see how things could have fallen into what we should consider a really serious state, since, had there been any grave or serious cause of complaint, it must have become, at all events to some extent, known publicly; such was clearly not the case, since at the same Chapter was announced the fact that the King (Henry VIII) himself and his Queen (Catherine of Arragon), the Princess, the Cardinal (Wolsey), the Queen of France (Mary, sister of King Henry VIII, relict of King Louis of France), and her husband, Charles, Duke of Suffolk, and many others, had been received as (what we should call Honorary) Brothers and Sisters of the Order.¹

The final Code of Regula was dated 12th March, A.D. 1519-1520, and the eleventh of King Henry the Eighth,

without licence, directing chantries to be filled up; as to almsgiving, care of sick Canons, punishments by order of Chapter, pittances, sale of Woods, care of Common Seal, restraint as to shoes, eating only in refectory, chaplaincy, election of Officers, valuable furs interdicted, offices abroad forbidden without leave of parish priest, ornaments of the altar, pawning goods, study of Scripture and other works, hospitality to relatives of Canons, and directing that these Rules be enrolled and be recited twice a year. (Bodleian Library, Laud MS. 723, fol. 52.)

¹ Minutes of the General Chapter of the Order held at Leicester, 1513. Cotton MS. *Vespasian*, D. 1.

and were issued by Thomas Wolsey, by the title of St. Cecilia, Cardinal priest of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of York, Primate of England, and Legate of the Apostolic See: as Chancellor of the Kingdom of England and legate of the Pope, Leo X, to the most Serene and Powerful Prince and Lord, Henry, by Divine Providence King of England and France and Lord of Ireland; and made by special Commission and Indult dated at St. Peter's, Rome, and relating to all monasteries and religious houses, whether exempt, or not exempt. First it is directed that all Canons Regular (some of whom had held themselves segregate) should meet in Chapter: then follows a form of profession by the Novice who binds himself for life to follow the Rule of St. Augustine and promises obedience to the Abbot and Prior of the House and their Canonical Successors under pain of the wrath of Almighty God. The Novice to be duly instructed by the Officials; and as to obedience, and abnegation of individual property. It directs that the Canons be provided with healthful and suitable food and clothing according to the means of the House, and in other competent necessaries, from the common stock, as often as need be, by the Prepositor or other Officer appointed for the purpose; but fixing the cost at not exceeding 60s. per annum for any Canon-priest or Officer, or 30s. for a Canon not a priest, and reserving power to the Prior to make a larger allowance for any famous Doctor of Laws. No woman of whatever age, propinquity of relationship, or condition, to be permitted access to the Dormitory, Infirmary, Cloister, or Cells or Chambers of the Canons, or any other private place, but only to the place appointed for guests, or to the dwellings (*hospicia*) of prelates, or, in great monasteries, the apartments of the Prior: not forbidding them to enter the church for the purpose of devotion. Clothing to be washed by one of the Canons or some person appointed for the purpose, but no women to be admitted on that pretence. Canons, and Probationers during their year, not to go out without leave of the Prior, and then to return within a reasonable time, and only to go

in company with one or two, and habited suitably. None to keep dogs or birds for hunting or sport.¹ Not to eat or drink in any neighbouring town unless on account of illness supervening, except by licence specially granted; not to go a journey other than as assigned, and then to be provided with money for the purpose from the common fund. It being fitting that all of the Rule should have a habit of one colour and form and a uniform tonsure, it was ordered all should use honest clothing according to the Benedictine statutes, of only white, brown, black, or almost black (quasi nigri) colour, and the form of clothing and shoes to be determined by the head of the House, so that all therein should be uniform: Rochets of small price, not curiously plaited, and shoes not like those of the laity: no rare or fine furs, excepting in the case of prelates such as might be suitable.² The tonsure to be like that of secular Clergy, but more ample.

All to sing the psalms and other things pertaining to Divine Service, not hastily or slowly, but with attention to the pointing, and distinctly, plainly, and devoutly. To observe the Canonical Hours, especially Matins and High Mass. Strictly forbidding that “pricksong”³ be permitted to be sung in choir; and no laymen, or secular clerks, or singers, whether men or boys, be admitted into the Choir, but that at Masses of the B. Virgin and the Name of Jesus, such persons might be allowed, outside the Choir, to sing “*cum cantu fracto, seu diviso,*” and with organs; but none of the Canons, except the Celebrant, to be there. Permitting also the Canons (alone) to sing less simple melodies on Sunday and festivals at Mass and Vespers, but so that the integrity

¹ If space permitted, it would not be uninteresting to note how constantly both monks and secular clergy had to be admonished against hunting; a sport which, in itself, cannot be deemed more harmful than fishing, which is a recreation admitted by all to be innocent.

² Piers Plowman’s Crede strongly, and at some length, rebukes the lavish fashions in dress and furs then used by the Franciscans; the passage is well worth referring to. (Early English Text Society’s Ed., Lines 290 to 301.)

³ Ornate Plain-song. (*Walcott.*)

of the chant and the expression of the words be not omitted. If necessary, an honest laic or secular priest, might be employed to play on the organ, but the Canons not to treat him with too much familiarity. Allowances made in respect to the performance of the offices, where the number of Canons be very small.

After Compline, all to receive Holy Water from the person appointed, and then pass to the Dormitory where silence is to be maintained, and none to leave without permission. Each to have his separate cell there, but open at the end.¹

All to eat together in the Refectory, except Officers and Prelates, who eat at their own table or elsewhere, whether within or without the bounds of the Monastery; and a lection be heard in silence.

Abbots and Priors to be very careful that these Rules be observed. To hold a daily Chapter, at which any merited punishment be ordered, and imprisonment if necessary. To set example of attendance at Divine Service and especially at Mass, and in all things; nor be absent from the House without good cause.

Recreation to be taken with moderation and not to be allowed to interfere with other things. No players to be admitted. Recreation in sufficient numbers together, and under supervision of a grave Senior; not in villes, lanes, or taverns, but in open spaces not distant, and keeping apart from laics, whose houses should not be entered for eating, drinking, or dining. Not to remain out at night, unless with prelates at the manors.

Accounts to be prepared quarterly or half-yearly, by one of the most skilled seniors, and exhibited to the Ordinary or his Vicar General, at the Visitation; and if unsatisfactory, under pain of suspension. But monthly or weekly accounts, where usual, to be continued.

Exterior persons, with a Canon nominated by the Seneschal, may be appointed to collect rents and other claims.

¹ Apparently what we should call a cubicle: a part partitioned off from the general dormitory.

And, moreover, notwithstanding the Rules, the food and clothing for the mind in the form of learning is not well taught or understood; It is ordered that in the Chapter House, in the time of Chapter, the Brothers speak in Latin or French, unless any stranger be present, or on account of a great Feast day. The Convent to send one from amongst them most fit to be sent, to the University of Oxford or other suitable place, with a Student's pension, so that the man, being learned, may impart his learning: and this under a penalty of 10 marcs per annum.

Finally it is ordered that the number of Canons and Novices on the original foundation be kept up, or at least so many as the present net income of the House can maintain; and the Prelate straightway look to and see that on the death of a Canon or diminution of the number in any way, he endeavour to fill up the vacancy, under such penalty as may be assigned at the next General Chapter.

The Cardinal, then, as Legate, orders by supreme authority that these Rules be published and observed in every Monastery and House or Priory of Canons Regular of the Order, in either Province, whether exempt or not exempt, within the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi next; but not desiring to impose them prior to the Feast of the Holy Trinity.¹

As we have said, these Rules run to a very great length, and are here merely outlined; but they will be found to be but little more than an amplification of those by which the Order had always been bound: together they afford us the most complete account obtainable of life in a mediæval monastery.

It will be seen that the Rules were applicable to all Communities of the Order, whether large or small. At the time of the Dissolution of Monasteries, there were in England 173 Priories of Austin Canons and Priories of Augustinian Nuns, and, with the exception of the

¹ Cotton MS. *Vespasian*, F. ix, fol. 22: a contemporary manuscript. See also Dugdale's *Monasticon*, II, p. 564.

Houses of Benedictine Monks and Nuns which were slightly more numerous (amounting to 186), they very nearly equalled the number of all other Orders put together.¹ Some Houses were composed of 30 or 40 Canons, but many were very small, and contained but few inmates; thus at Tanridge we do not at any time find any record of more than five Canons. They were commonly called Canons, Concanons, or Confraters. The head was the Prior who was responsible for the observance of the Rules, and the good governance of the Community, and his power was considerable, but tempered by the daily meetings in the Chapter.

According to the Rule which we find in use at Hexham, no Canon could be lawfully elected to be Prior unless he was of good life and character, a priest, a person of education, of proper age, born in lawful wedlock, and a freeman: and the election must be by the voice of two-thirds of the Convent, and without contention. When the suffrages had been taken, the Canon presiding declared the result in a formal manner, and received authority to announce it to the public. All then proceeded to the High Altar, conducting thither the Prior Elect, and singing the *Te Deum* as they went. That finished, the bells rang out, and the Prior being prostrate before the Altar, the Sub-Prior offered over him a set prayer; and then the choice of the Convent was declared to the Convent at large.²

Only two Priors of the Order of Austin Canons were entitled to wear a mitre, viz., the Priors of Waltham and Cirencester:³ in a manuscript in the British Museum, dating probably between 1430 and 1450, or rather earlier, is an illumination representing a Prior habited in a black cope and white mitre, and bearing in the left hand a gilt pastoral staff, crook outwards, and a book in the right;⁴ presumably one of the Order of Austin Canons.⁵

¹ Fox, *English Monasteries*, Appendix No. 2.

² Priory of Hexham; *Surtees Society*, Vol. I, pref. Cxxxii.

³ Godwin, *Handbook of Archaeology*.

⁴ Cotton MS. *Tiberius*, III, fol. 148.

⁵ So assumed in *Illuminations in British Museum*, by Birch & Jenner.

It would appear that, where the means of the House would afford it, the Canons generally had their servants and horses; of course it will be borne in mind that, considering the general nature of roads existing up to modern times, horses were essential to locomotion. At Tanridge, in 1312, when the Priory was evidently in serious financial difficulties, the Prior was directed to content himself with one only servant.¹

The Sub-prior came next after the Prior, and acted as his lieutenant, and, as such, was commandant in his absence: in so small a House as Tanridge it seemed hardly likely there would be such an Official,² but in the Bishop's Visitation Articles in 1306³ he directs them to appoint a Sub-prior; and the term also occurs in two other formal documents:⁴ almost each Canon had an official title, as well as a duty. In a large House there were also the following officers. The Precentor, who had rule of the choir, archives, and library: at Tanridge he seems to have been next in authority to the Prior, and to have been the Superior of the Convent during a vacancy.⁵ The Cellarer managed the domestic affairs, and frequently acted as Commissary or Proctor; this is very clearly shown by the records of Tanridge: in the Injunctions consequent on the Bishop's Visitation in 1306, he, with the Prior, was enjoined to render accounts of their respective administration to the Chapter, twice a year;⁶ so he is referred to in the Visitation enquiries in 1308;⁷ while in the following year he was removed from his office for neglect in this particular.⁸ The Seneschal was next in importance, and sometimes held Manorial Courts; at Tanridge, it was he who kept the

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 175.

² It would almost remind one of the Scotch lad who told his father he was always second in his class; and on further enquiry said the class consisted of "me and a lassie."

³ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 148 v.

⁴ *Ibid.*, fols. 109 and 175.

⁵ *Ibid.*, fols. 41 v and 110.

⁶ *Ibid.*, fol. 149.

⁷ *Ibid.*, fol. 96 v.

⁸ *Ibid.*, fol. 101 v.

accounts of the rental.¹ The Treasurer received rents, paid expenses, and kept accounts. The Sacristan's duties were in the Church, where he slept. The Almoner's duties were chiefly such as his name implies. The Hostellar had the care of visitors. The Kitchener was responsible for the provisions, especially those for the sick, the care of whom in other respects rested with the Infirmarer. The Chamberlain's duty was the provision of clothing, bedding, and such matters. The Refectioner managed the scullery department. And finally, the Porter and his assistants, who had charge of and slept at the gate. Sometimes, also, were included the Pitanciar, the Gardener, and others. These, with deputies and assistants, formed the staff of a large House;² in a small one, like Tanridge, no such subdivision of duties was needed: in fact, we hear of no official other than the Prior, except that, in one instance (in 1323), the Precentor acted as head at the election of a Prior to fill a vacancy,³ and in another the Seneschal is mentioned as having kept the Rental.⁴

Quite at the commencement of the 12th century there arose in England what might almost be called a mania for monastic establishments, and they multiplied and spread all over the country, while the nobles and the wealthy seemed almost to vie with each other in founding and endowing them; and gifts continued to be made from time to time subsequently. The natural tendency of this was that, since land was the only permanent investment, there arose a danger lest too large a part of the land should become vested in them—for by their rules they were stringently forbidden to alienate property, and therefore all accretions were permanent. To guard against the risk of mischief, both social and political, which in course of time must necessarily have resulted, there were passed divers Statutes of Mortmain, which rendered void the absolute grant for charitable purposes of

¹ Ministers' Accounts, 28 Henry VIII, No. 108. (*Appendix*, XLI.)

² Mackenzie Walcott, *Church and Conventual Arrangement*.

³ Fox, *English Mon.*, p. 139; Winchester Reg., *Stratford*, fol. 3.

⁴ Ministers' Accounts, 28 Henry VIII, No. 108.

any Real Estate, without the King's licence—a provision in force at the present day. Such licences however, made by Letters Patent, were very frequently granted, and probably in many cases for the sake of a valuable consideration to the King, or his officers. One would suppose that under such circumstances, with property increasing from time to time and never diminishing, all monasteries must infallibly become constantly more and more wealthy, but such was by no means the case. Probably we may account for it partly by their great charities, and partly, perhaps, because they were (as Corporations generally are) more liberal than private owners are to their tenants. The poor, the sick, and aged, had in those days nothing to look to for shelter, or preservation from starving, except the Religious Houses, and casual relief from the rich, who, it must be borne in mind, were proportionately far less numerous than now; when the monasteries were dissolved, workhouses and public relief for the poor and necessitous had to be provided at the cost of the nation. Partly, no doubt, from the heavy imposts laid upon them by Kings and Popes; sometimes from the granting of improvident Corrodies;¹ and no doubt in other cases from want of judicious management of the property, which was more especially likely to happen in the case of the smaller Priories—at Tanridge, for example, out of the five Canons, which seems to have been their highest

¹ A Corrody was, as already mentioned, somewhat in the nature of a life annuity—a provision of food, lodging, and raiment for a valuable consideration. One would assume that ultimately the House would derive benefit from the land, which generally formed the consideration, but such does not appear to have been generally the case; on the contrary, they so frequently did themselves such serious harm by improvident grants of the kind that the authorities interfered to forbid it: thus Archbishop Langton, in his Constitutions dated in 1222, orders that no Corrodies should be given or sold, or stipends for life or for a given time be granted, unless for urgent necessity, and with the Bishop's consent (Wilkins, *Concilia*, I, p. 591): and Archbishop Kempe, in his Constitutions issued for the Province of York in 1444, makes a similar provision, directing that such grants be only made after a diligent and mature consultation of two days, at least, in Chapter, and then upon licence from the Diocesan. (Wilkins' *Concilia*, III, p. 671.)

number, it was probable (and records indicate the fact) that from time to time none of them would be possessed of the requisite business capacity and education needful for a due administration of their estate consisting of land and tenements and manors, of varying and complicated tenure, and requiring very good system and book-keeping. Temporary needs would naturally lead to mortgage or other alienation of property, although at that period interest ranged high, and a recovery would be difficult. The pecuniary difficulties of the Convent were evidently great in 1309 and 1312, in which latter year the Bishop intervened and appointed a Supervisor of their temporalities;¹ and again in 1330, when he appointed a coadjutor and interdicted the Prior himself from interference in the administration of the goods of the House;² and in 1461 the Common-Law Court, evidently interfering on behalf of a creditor, issued a Sequestration of their property.³ From one cause or other it happened that many monasteries, including some of the most flourishing, were at times in great need, and when the period of their dissolution arrived it was found that very few possessed any large, and none an extravagant, amount of property. Taking Tanridge as a fair average example, the entire value of the estates given to the House, and accumulated during a period of much more than three centuries, produced a net income of only £78 : 16s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; which, even after making full allowance for the difference between the value of money towards the middle of the 16th century and at the present time, is no great amount.

The dress of the Canons differed not a little in different Houses of the Order: in this and divers other things there was no rigid rule of conformity, but within somewhat wide limits they managed their own affairs. The best evidence we could desire is provided by the famous Canonist Lyndwode, in his gloss upon a constitution of Archbishop Peckham (dated 1281), in which he mentions among ceremonies (or usages) of which even the

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 96 v. (Appendix, XII.)

² Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 51. (Appendix, XXVI.)

³ Diocesan Register, *Waynflete*, I, fol. 68*. (Appendix, XXXIX.)

General Chapter could not deprive them : such as that some of the Order wore a linen rochet and above it a black, open, cope ; others entirely white linen, or wool ; others a black cope fastened with a cross upon the breast ; and others white raiment with a cross set upon it. And so with food. Some eat flesh, some none ; some fasted at stated times, others not ; some wore untanned leather shoes¹ (*ocreis*) like monks, while others wear boots (*sotulares*) like secular clergy.² And, as we have seen, the Canons were not even limited to the black and white, but simply to a sober hue. By the Canons made under Archbishop Hubert Walter in the year 1200, it was ordered that no Black Monks, or Canons, or Nuns, use coloured copes (or cloaks) but black only ; nor any facings but black or white made of the skins of lambs, cats, or foxes.³ And further, in 1220, it was ordered that neither Monks nor Canons Regular should wear girdles of silk, or garnished with gold, or silver, nor use burnet, or any irregular cloth.⁴ The Constitutions of Pope Clement V merely inhibit inordinate or finely adorned clothing, and excess in eating and drinking.⁵ The Canons of Pope Benedict XII relating to dress are limited to strictly inhibiting any Canon wearing, when beyond the bounds, any clothes over their habits, except “*capas, seu mantellos honestos, vel rodondellos seu clochias talares.*”⁶

¹ This I take to be the meaning, but do not find the word *Ochrea* in *Ducange*, or minor glossaries. *Sotulares*, *subtalares*, *ealeei*, *nostris souliers* ; used mediævally to mean half-boots.

² Lyndwode's *Provinciale* ; Oxford Edition, 1679, p. 213. Lyndwode was the Official of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, afterwards Keeper of the Privy Seal, and finally Bishop of St. David's ; he died in 1446.

³ Canons, A.D. 1200 ; Wilkins' *Concilia*, I, p. 508. As regards such furs, they had previously been forbidden to abbesses and nuns by the Canons made under Archbishop Peter Corboyle in 1127. (Wilkins, I, p. 411.)

⁴ Canons, A.D. 1220 ; Wilkins, I, p. 574.

⁵ Constitutions of Pope Clement V : See. *De statu monachorum* ; Basle Ed., 1476. The section was addressed to the School of Bologna.

⁶ Cotton MS. *Vespasian*, D. 1, Art. 2. *Rodondella* ; *vestis species*, v. *cloca*. *Clochia* ; *vestis species*, *quæ equitantum, et peregrine euntium propria est.* (*Ducange*.)

At Tanridge we find that the Bishop's Injunction, issued in 1308, consequent on his Visitation, merely prohibits clothing different from and unfit for their Order, and directs that they should only wear such as the Rules, and propriety of Religion, required, and with the provision (showing that there was no rigidly fixed and definite dress) that they should all wear a uniform habit.¹

The Austin Canons were in the habit of wearing beards, and covering their heads with a four-sided cap, instead of the cowl or hood of an ordinary monk.² Their tonsure was like that of a secular priest, and hair cut short at half the depth of the ear.³

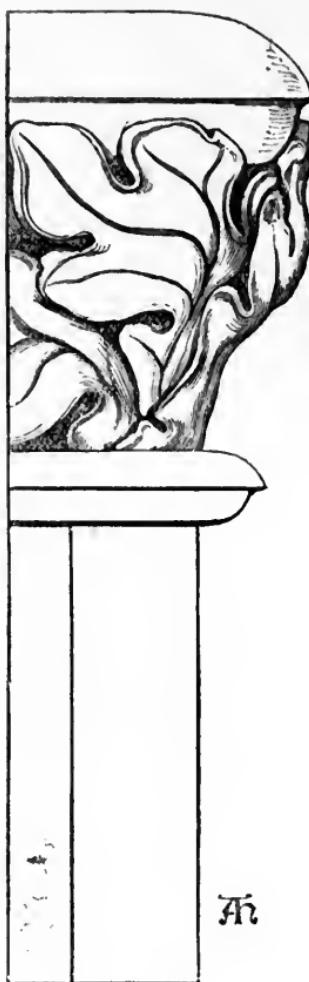
Certain Monastic Orders had a special predilection for a particular type of site for the foundation of their establishments,⁴ but it can scarcely be so said of the Austin Canons, though they appear to have preferred the suburbs of towns, and then to have selected a fertile plain watered by a clear, flowing stream, in default of which fishponds were essential. At Tanridge, a clear spring, issuing from the hill-side, flows into a basin forming a pond below, and thence through a succession of ponds some acres in extent.

The general plan of their type of church, and of the grouping of the conventional buildings around it, is given by Rev. Mackenzie Walcott, but it scarcely seems to me sufficiently definite to be laid down as a general type. In the case of Tanridge, there are no records discoverable containing, or from which we can deduce, any idea of the arrangement, and, perhaps with one exception, there is not one stone standing on another above ground; possibly some day, archæological zeal, or some more utilitarian cause, may lead to excavations showing us the foundations of the buildings. The exception referred to is about a dozen feet

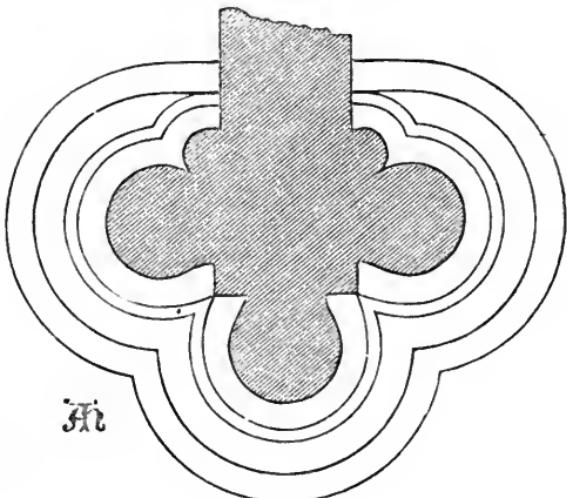
¹ Dioecesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 149. ² Wolsey's Ordinances.

³ Walcott, *Conventual Arrangement*, p. 40.

⁴ "Bernardus valles, Colles Benedictus amabat; Oppida Francis-cus, magnas Ignatius urbes." (Quoted in Jameson's *Legends of the Monastic Orders*, Introd., p. xxxix.)



SECTION.



PLAN.

frontage under the bushes, between the more modern house called "the Priory" and the second pond, within which are remains of a flooring of strong lime and sand; but this may date subsequently to the destruction of the Priory.¹ The cause of the entire and almost instantaneous destruction of monastic churches and buildings by those who had purchased them from the Crown was, no doubt, partly in order quickly to realize the profits on the transaction, but probably still more from the fear that the tide might turn again and that some equally arbitrary enactment might rob them of their share of the spoil.

All that we know concerning the buildings which formed the Priory of Tanridge is, that, subsidiary to the Church which we may with great reason assume to have been dedicated in honour of St. James, there was a Chapel with its altar dedicated to the Blessed Virgin.² At the time of the Dissolution there was a church, and a belfry tower, and a cemetery, which was probably the garth in the midst of the cloisters.³

One small fragment is all that is known to exist: a little capital from which, probably, sprang the inner arch of a window: wreathed around its bell is graceful foliage of oak leaves, with acorns, just sufficiently conventionalized for true art, and wrought with admirable skill: its date is about the middle of the 14th century. The illustration at the commencement of the present monograph is of full size: the elevation and plan are given on the opposite page.⁴ Some ornamental paving tiles

¹ On the brow of the hill beyond the ponds, are some ponderous detached masses of unwrought stone, and there is there one small piece of carved work, evidently part of a cornice of revived classic date.

² Mentioned in Pedes finium, 47 Henry III, Case 2, No. 177. It is of course possible that when the Institution was changed from a Hospital to a Priory, or when a Chapel was rebuilt, there might have been an altered dedication; but we may assume that in such case, the altar mentioned would have been referred to as the high altar, had it been so: and, in fact, in 1461, we find the House spoken of as the Priory of St. James.

³ These were amongst the property sold by the King to John Redo on 2nd January, 1538. (Harr. MS. 4786.)

⁴ I am indebted to Mr. Percy Wigram, whose family formerly resided on the spot, for the loan of the elegantly carved capital from which these illustrations were made.

found on the site were, within memory, preserved in a frame at the house built on the premises, but have disappeared; a few other fragments both of glazed paving tiles and others, devoid of ornament, were turned up a few days since.

Still, one may hazard the conjecture that the cloister was situated immediately below the bushes just mentioned, since, upon some excavation being commenced there, many human bones were found, and in consequence work was discontinued and the excavation filled in again.¹

The broken remains of two gravestones or coffin-lids are still there. The pieces composing the most perfect of these, when put together, present a quadrilateral form sloping from head to foot and want but one piece more to complete; the length is 6 ft., and the width at the head 2 ft. 6 in., diminishing to 1 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. at the foot. Unhappily, it is of Petworth or Sussex marble, and the action of the weather upon it, during three centuries and a-half, has so completely disintegrated the surface, that there is no appearance of any inscription, but there is visible the lower part of an incised cross, consisting of two steps and a plain narrow stem. It is clearly impossible to specify the date with any approach to certainty, but it may probably be placed quite early in the 14th century. A former occupant of the Priory House had a penchant for antiquities, and no doubt he had the pieces put together and the vacancies filled in with Roman cement, fragments of which remain, though the pieces of stone have been again separated and until now thrown aside and half buried: it is, however, Mr. Borradaile's intention to have them reset and preserved.

The other gravestone was of the same form, but only two fragments remain and they bear neither ornament nor inscription.

¹ This information was given by the Rev. R. H. Borradaile, M.A., F.S.A., a member of this Society, who is now the occupant of the house called the Priory.

Among the various errors regarding the middle ages into which we inconsiderately fall, there is, perhaps, scarcely one which is more deeply seated, or more widely spread, than the commonly entertained view of monastic life.

So strong is the prejudice on this subject, that few persons can be persuaded to look upon an ancient monk as anything better than a personification of all that is sensual in our corrupt nature, and in whom self-indulgence was the great business of his life, aggravated by concealment beneath the uninviting cloak of an austere discipline. Let us see what was the case.

First; as to the observance of the Canonical Hours which were spent in devotion; this rule, alone, contradicts the charge of self-indulgence, for no one who cared for ease and comfort would select daybreak and midnight at all seasons of the year for attendance in chapel. The Canonical Hours were daybreak, or 6 o'clock in the morning, 9, 12, 3, 6, 9, and midnight.

The diet of the monks was another austerity, which in these days would not be submitted to, even by the most indigent. Fasting, even on one day in the week, would be regarded as a great hardship (or self-restraint), if imposed on those who are well fed and fare sumptuously. It can then be scarcely denied that it must have been a severe trial and self-mortification, to men who fared scantily at all times, and rarely enjoyed a good, substantial meal, to endure the rigid and frequent fasts which the monastic discipline of many of the Orders prescribed. The common opinion that the monkish dietary was the reverse of this is groundless, and may be classed among our vulgar errors. The truth is, that the daily diet of the monastery was remarkably frugal, and usually consisted of herbs, eggs, fish, bread, cheese, butter, and ale or beer.

Punishment usually consisted in a diminution of their rations of food, or a diet of bread and water, and imprisonment; and not infrequently by removal temporarily or permanently to some House of the Order: thus, at Tanridge in 1309, the Cellarer was, by order of the Bishop

as Visitor, deprived of his office and transferred to Newark Priory, where he suffered imprisonment and was fed on bread and water:¹ and there are references to like punishment in the House itself, by order of the Prior and Chapter.

The dress which the inmates of the monastery wore had as little in it to excite pride as their general mode of living had to foster gluttony.² It was wisely made distinctive, while, as we have seen, it was limited in pattern and restrained to white, black, grey, or brown colour.

As regards the value of the monks to the outside world (for I must not here trespass upon the religious side of the question as affecting themselves personally), it may be put briefly, that they set the example of skilful cultivation even of the waste lands of the country ; they were beneficent lords to their tenants and servants ; protectors of the liberties of the people in the midst of the tyrannies of the feudal ages ; the great cultivators of learning and the arts ; the great educators of the people ; the centres of religious zeal ;³ they were the chief almoners of the nation, and types of hospitality.

It is no exaggeration to say that solely to the monasteries are we indebted for the preservation of the Books of the Holy Bible, the writings of the Early Christians, and even all classic learning and literature : this fact alone shows the affection with which the Scriptures and other learning were regarded—an affection that could not have arisen or been maintained without a full knowledge of their value.⁴ But for those amongst their communities who possessed a moderate amount of learning, and some skill and feeling for art, ample work was provided in the Scriptorium in copying books (often borrowed on the security of a heavy bond for their due return) and illuminating them with a patient industry,

¹ Dioesean Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 103 v. (Appendix, XIV.)

² Fox, *Monks and Monasteries*, p. 118.

³ Cutts, *Turning Points in English History*, p. 139.

⁴ I must content myself with a general reference to Berington's *Literary History of the Middle Ages* and Maitland's *Dark Ages*.

an ability, fidelity, and artistic taste which gives them in no few instances, even in the present utilitarian age, a very large and increasing money value. These, of course, were simply the work of the scribe and artist; but it is clear that this laborious work would never have been performed except for the value felt of a work copied, or as an indication of the honour in which were held the Bible and books used in Divine Service.

Isaac Taylor (who, as a Nonconformist, will not be accused of any special predilection for monastic institutions) remarks, that monastic institutions seemed as if framed for the special purpose of transmitting the remains of ancient literature, sacred and profane, through a period in which, except for so extraordinary a provision, they must inevitably have perished.¹ When learning declined among the people, the Religious Houses became the chief receptacles of books; for in almost every such establishment there were individuals who still cultivated literature and the sciences with ardour: every convent and monastery had its library, its librarian, and other officers employed in the conservation of the books.² And so, in the words of an eminent modern writer, Dr. Cutts:—"In the earlier centuries of the mediaeval period, the monastic system was, in God's hands, the most powerful agency for preaching the Gospel and establishing the Church of Christ among the barbarous nations of Europe; and in the later centuries the monasteries were the centres of civilisation, learning, and art, as well as of religion."³

In illustration of the importance attached to learning by the Austin Canons, we may note that the famous Walter de Merton took his name from the Austin Priory of Merton, in this county, for, although it does not appear whether he was one of the Canons, yet he was intimately connected with the House, and his first scholastic endeavours were established by means of a grant made to

¹ Isaac Taylor, *History of Transmission of Ancient Books*, p. 84.

² Isaac Taylor, p. 16.

³ Cutts, *Turning Points of English Church History*, p. 190.

him for the purpose by the Priory of their Manor of Maldon, together with the advowson of the Church there;¹ and which foundation, a few years later, he developed into Merton College, Oxford, in 1274, one of the earliest, and probably at that time the most completely organised college at either of the Universities.

And renewed attention was called by Wolsey's Injunctions to the Rules and Constitutions as to reading of Latin (and French, he adds); and he directed that (under penalty of a fine) where the income of the House would permit, they should select and send a student to the University, who being thus adorned with learning might communicate it to the others.²

By most of the religious corporations throughout the country, schools were maintained, in which, while the children of the rich might find a ready and accessible training, the instruction of the poor was not forgotten. Instruction was given gratuitously in these seminaries in singing, reading, and writing, and perhaps in some of the more advanced arts of the age; and the generosity with which they were conducted seems to have warranted the name by which they were generally known —the name of Free Schools. When the monasteries were falling, many petitions are said to have been received, that the Free Schools might stand. The loss fell most heavily on the poor.³ The credit, therefore, due to King Edward VI and Queen Elizabeth, for the foundation and endowment of Public Schools, from Christ's Hospital to local Grammar Schools, is limited to the return by them, for educational purposes, of a portion of that which the Crown had despoiled education as an incident to monastic work.

We must bear in mind also that the larger monasteries were the recorders or chroniclers of the events of the period, and, from the fact of their being corporations,

¹ Merton Cartulary; Cotton MS. *Cleopatra*, C. ix, fol. Cxlii, v.

² Wolsey's Ordinances, 1519: Cotton MS. *Vespasian*, F. ix.

³ Rev. Richard W. Dixon, *History of the Church of England from the Abolition of the Roman Jurisdiction*, Vol. II, p. 226.

were enabled to continue their work from year to year through many centuries, and it is to them almost exclusively that we are indebted for any consecutive narrative of public or important events of history: not a few of such chronicles have come down to us, such as the *Chronicles of Matthew of Westminster*, *Roger of Wendover*, *Florence of Worcester*, and *Matthew Paris*: and there can be no doubt that the histories collected in many familiar printed folios, such as those of *Fabyan*, *Grafton*, *Holinshed*, *Baker*, and *Stow*, were compiled solely from monastic chronicles.

A *Martyrology* kept at Tanridge is casually mentioned in 1308: the Bishop directed his Statutes to be enrolled there so as to be permanently placed on record.¹

Then, much legal work was needed in the management of the affairs of the House. In those days investments were not made with "the beautiful simplicity of the three per cents;" land, houses, and stock were the only form of permanent property, and the singularly complicated nature of the tenures, and the difficulties arising from the frequently disturbed state of the country occasioned innumerable misunderstandings, doubts, and disputes; beside which, the properties and the *Livings* permitted to be appropriated to a House were often situated far away, necessitating the appointment and occasional supervision of a proctor or agent, or else the negotiation and grant of a lease, and then a receiver of rents. Nor must we forget that, on the occasion of the decease or resignation or removal of the Head of the Monastery, there were long and careful formalities to be performed, and their enrolment made in the Bishop's Court, and various sanctions obtained, before he could be replaced by a permanent successor. The form of *Corredy* granted by this Priory, about the year 1500, was that selected by some lawyer as a precedent.² The

¹ The *Martyrology* was the volume in which, very usually, the *Obituary* and *Regula* were entered with other things desired to be kept upon record. (Vide *Ducange's Glossary*.)

² *Harleian MS. 4785.*

amount of legal business involved in the affairs of the House was therefore very considerable.¹

Then as to the management of the property much labour was involved. The greater part was let at small rentals, and necessarily required a survey from time to time to see that the houses or cottages were properly kept in repair, and that the land was fairly treated. Various farms, which remained in the hands of the House to be cultivated by a bailiff or steward, needed still closer supervision; while the larger Houses had outlying properties in which were established little branches or cells inhabited by two or three of their number, who undertook the cultivation or management, and had from time to time to be relieved from their isolated position by other members of the House.

The building and repairs of their churches and conventional buildings must have involved a constant attention and labour, even if no one of the House acted as architect, though that was certainly the case in many instances of church building, and no doubt was usual in minor matters. Building was a much more arduous undertaking in early days when there were no great contractors ready to tender for works of any cost up to hundreds of thousands of pounds; but the greater part of the materials and arrangements had to be prepared on the spot.

Besides their noble alms-deeds to the poor, the sick, and the aged, monasteries, especially the larger and more wealthy among them, were frequently called upon to furnish hospitality to the King or members of the Royal family or other travellers of less degree: in the absence of inns capable of more than extremely rough and limited accommodation, it was customary for travellers of rank to rest at a monastery, and perhaps for some time together; and the visitors on departing might, or

¹ If we take the large Priory of Merton as an illustration, it will be seen that the work must necessarily have been very great: they had properties or rents or appropriations in 15 counties, viz.: Surrey, Kent, Essex, Hertford, Huntingdon, Bedford, Buckingham, Lincoln, Sussex, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Dorset, Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall.

might not, make any reasonable remuneration for the cost of their entertainment: a few days' visit from a King or Cardinal with a hundred retainers would put the House to no trifling cost, nor was it likely to be adequately reimbursed. The Archbishop of Canterbury was stopping at Tanridge on 14th March, 1296-7.

Nor did monasteries escape being heavily taxed towards the expenses of the King and State; when Parliament called on the laity to contribute a tenth or fifteenth of their income or goods to the necessities of the Kingdom, Convocation was summoned to meet and make a similar assessment upon ecclesiastical income or property, and also to collect it. Beside which, there came demands from the Pope for contributions for his needs, and various other objects; while, perhaps, their most valuable preferments were unjustly grasped by him and given to his favourites or dependants, who frequently did nothing but receive the income without ever visiting the locality or kingdom. No wonder, then, that monasteries, large or small, were often in a state of poverty.

No unimportant part of the benefit which the public derived from monastic institutions, was, that a portion, and generally by far the largest portion, of each of their churches was free to the whole world, who were thus enabled to participate freely and constantly in the Divine Service. Most of our cathedrals were built and maintained by monasteries, and worship conducted by them without the cost of a penny to anyone but the limited number of monks or canons comprised in the establishment. Thus, in cities, thousands were benefited, and in the country, perhaps, the advantage was still greater; as in localities such as Tanridge, where the churches and services were often scanty, and the incumbent not rarely non-resident. No doubt many of the donors of endowments to monasteries were more influenced by this fact than by the preservation and dissemination of learning, for which many wealthy men cared little, though perhaps it may be found, as social life in the middle ages becomes more fully and accurately known, that the upper class

were by no means an illiterate, ignorant class, as supposed by popular prejudice. A careful, painstaking, and learned description of life in the middle ages, prepared from a study of the stores of information now open to the student, would be, indeed, a heavy undertaking, but one remaining to be undertaken, for we have as yet nothing but most meagre and unworthy, if not prejudiced, sketches of the subject.

I must not dwell more on this side of the topic before us, nor pause to advert to the many minor matters in which the monastic institutions wrought vast good to the nation; but will turn to the other side of the question, and consider, very briefly, how far the idea, which floats vaguely in the public mind, adverse to monasteries, is justified or otherwise. And, first, a wide distinction must be drawn between monks and friars which in the public mind are synonymous; the former possessed property, but it was held by the community absolutely in common: the latter professed to have, and in fact for some time after their institution, had no property, and subsisted upon casual alms. A very little consideration will show that when the members of the Mendicant Orders became numerous, their thousands roaming all over the country subsisting on chance charity, and practically without personal supervision, could not fail to lead to gross abuses; and perhaps it may fairly be said that the friars, by rapacity and greed, by fraud and frequent immorality, and still more by the prejudices which they more or less intentionally raised against the monks (for whom they entertained a feeling of bitter rivalry), and by the hostility which their conduct created amongst the parochial clergy and their supporters, had weakened the people's affection and esteem for the other Orders and had prepared the way for the total destruction of monasteries, by thus destroying the feelings of wide-spread reverence and esteem which the latter had so well merited, and which otherwise might have rendered their destruction dangerous or impracticable. It may be noticed that in the collections of jests and humorous tales which have come down to

us from the middle ages, in which ribaldry and scandalous ecclesiastical stories form no inconsiderable part, it is constantly the friars who figure as chief characters. The popular belief unfortunately tars all with the same brush: monks and friars of all Orders, and even the parochial or secular clergy were often alike condemned for sloth, sensuality, ignorance, and irreligion. It has been already shown that the life of a monk was the most unlikely to attract men even ordinarily affected towards those characteristics.

Let us first see what evidence has been found in proof of such charges as those adverted to. Among the vast number of monks scattered broadcast over the length and breadth of the country, often in small communities and in outlying cells of some of the larger communities, perhaps but two or three together, with little more than a nominal supervision practicable, one might not unfairly anticipate that under circumstances so favourable to laxity, frequent scandals would result, especially as a revulsion from the more or less rigid discipline to which they were bound when at home. On the arrival of the time when, through the King's power, Parliament passed Acts for the Dissolution of Monasteries,¹ the commonest show of decency required some pretence for what otherwise must appear to the world in the light of highway-robery. It was therefore, clearly, on the King's behalf, and on the part of the wealthy and powerful who benefited by obtaining grants of monastic property at small, and sometimes little more than nominal prices, the duty of the Commissioners appointed for carrying out the work, to note and report every iniquity that reached their ears respecting the Houses they visited, and whether confirmed by evidence or not; and, considering who many

¹ First, for the suppression of the small monasteries possessing property producing a revenue less than £200 per annum; like robbing the little boys too small to protect themselves: and two years later—when the proceeds of this vast sacrilege had been squandered, and more money was needed to supply the wants of the profligate monarch, the moral support of all the smaller houses and that of their patrons being gone—the larger houses thus left standing alone were too weak to ward off their own ruin.

of the Commissioners were, one might anticipate that in default of genuine charges they would not hesitate to invent some. Let us note what happened.

It was evident from the first, as we now see it, that it appeared clearly to the monasteries that their doom was sealed, and there remained no hope of earthly intervention to preserve from spoliation the property which their House had in the course of centuries received from the pious for the purposes of religion, or to save themselves, after solemnly devoting their life to the duties of the cloister, from being turned adrift, and mostly penniless, on the wide world. A few of the larger Houses, indeed, more sanguine, bolder, or more desperate, joined themselves to risings of the populace against the despotism by which they were ground down—such as “The Pilgrimage of Grace”—and their Abbots or Priors paid for it by forfeiture of their heads upon the block. Others firmly, but temperately, refused to surrender what (even if there had been no deeper motive of duty involved) was not theirs to surrender; since the property was the property of a corporation, and they personally had, at the utmost, but a life interest in it: and for such their refusal they were arrested and executed; among these martyrs were the Abbots of the famous Monasteries of Reading, Glastonbury, and Colchester,¹ who were perhaps selected on account of their eminence, *pour encourager les autres*. But very generally, the monasteries altogether gave way, and affixed their hands and the Conventional Seal to the surrender of their Houses, lands, and property to the Crown; in return for which, if the surrender were pleasantly done, the head and perhaps one or two others received some small pension for life, or until they obtained from some other source a stipend of equal amount. There were formerly high-minded banditti in Italy, who, after despoiling travellers who made no defence, and ransacking their baggage, made them a present of a scudo or two to carry them on their road. If the monastery could not be frightened or

¹ Fox, *Monks and Monasteries*, p. 403.

cajoled into a surrender, the result was the same, except that they got no pensions and were kicked out of their Houses, and perhaps personally ill-treated.

Hopeless, reckless men, under these circumstances, were not unlikely in some cases to be induced by an unscrupulous Commissioner to endeavour to curry favour by confessing to all sorts of enormities. An example of this kind happened at the Cluniac Priory of St. Andrew, Northampton, where the monks duly executed a confession "as bloated, fulsome, and rotund as "an Act of Parliament, volleying forth endless convolutions of phraseology; it seemed to consist of nothing "but words. Never was penitence so well ordered."¹ This is the solitary example of such a confession, and even here the form is vague, and may mean nothing more than a worldliness and neglect of their duties. Curiously enough, the same Commissioner had visited the House previously, and had then noted no evils but debt and involvement.

At Bittlesden, a Cistercian Priory in Buckinghamshire, there was executed a formulated confession (whether supplied to them or invented by their own ingenuity), but it contained nothing that can be construed into an admission of moral depravity: and the same form of words was used in other cases, making six Houses in all.²

These are the only known instances.

Proof, therefore, of those charges against monasteries in general which rankle in the public mind, is altogether wanting, while the almost entire absence of them, in spite of every incentive to the production or invention of scandalous tales, furnishes the strongest possible evidence in their favour. And finally, we may note the fact that the last Abbots or Priors of dissolved monasteries, in many cases became the first Deans in new

¹ Dixon, *History of the Church of England*, II, p. 19. He adds that Weaver (*Funeral Monuments*, pp. 106—110) appears to have believed, without seeing, that there were many other confessions like it. The important part of the confession is reprinted by Dixon in a foot-note to p. 20.

Dixon, *History of the Church of England*, II, p. 36.

Corporations, *e.g.*, Durham, Winchester, Worcester, Rochester, Carlisle, and Ely; and so in the new chapters of Chester, Peterborough, and Westminster. Many new Canonries and Prebends were filled by the appointment of former monks. The Bishops of most of the new Sees, such as Oxford, Peterborough, Gloucester, and Bristol, had previously been Abbots, Priors, or Provincials. At Canterbury, although the head of the House was deprived, no less than twenty-nine of the Convent were appointed to offices under the new foundation, and all the rest received pensions or promotions.¹

And finally, we may again refer to the fact that, at the General Chapter of Austin Canons, held at Leicester in 1513, King Henry VIII himself, and his Queen Catherine, the Princess, the Cardinal Wolsey, the ex-Queen of France, and her husband the Duke of Suffolk, and many others, were enrolled as associates of the Order;² affording the strongest proof they could very well have given of the high esteem in which they held the Austin Canons.

THE PRIORS OF TANRIDGE.

THOMAS. The earliest Prior³ of whom we find mention was named Thomas, who held that office on the octave of the Purification (9th February), 1225-6, when a Concord was entered into in a Law Suit.⁴

ADAM. Prior Thomas was, presumably, succeeded by Adam, who, in the autumn of 1235, entered into a Concord in a Law Suit.⁵

HUMPHREY. Humphrey apparently was the successor of Adam; we find him mentioned as Prior in a pro-

¹ Dixon, II, p. 225.

² Cotton MS. *Vespasian*, D. 1.

³ These three earliest Priors have not hitherto been recorded. The list and particulars given by Manning and Bray are very good and full, but now considerably supplemented in the present monograph. A few of the dates differ slightly from those given by Dugdale.

⁴ Pedes finium, 10 Henry III; Surrey, No. 74. (*Appendix*, V.)

⁵ Pedes finium, 19 Henry III; Surrey, No. 181. (*Appendix*, VI.)

ceeding before the Justices Itinerant ended in January, 1262-3.¹

WALTER. Walter de Pedeleshurst was appointed 4th June, 1306, by the Bishop, on lapse, having first vacated his election for want of due form.² On the 12th March, 1309, the resignation of Prior Walter was admitted by the Bishop:³ in the proceedings on the appointment of his successor, on 17th June following,⁴ he is spoken of as Walter de Hetfeld. It seems improbable that this was another Walter.

THOMAS. Thomas de St. Alban, a Canon of Newark, from which Priory he was transferred by the Bishop in May or June, was appointed 4th June, 1309, by the Bishop, on lapse, the House not having elected according to the Bishop's mandate dated 15th March, 1309. There was a mandate to induct him 17th June. On 22nd November, 1312, Charles (de Seggefورد), Rector of Colesdon, was made his coadjutor, the Priory having been much wasted by his simplicity or negligence.⁵ He resigned in 1322.⁶

HENRY. Henry de Pecham appears to have been possessed of abilities which raised him to a position which his merits do not seem to have justified. Up to the 4th February, 1309, he was Cellarer and Supervisor of extrinsic affairs, as assistant to William de Shyre, who had been specially placed in the House to manage its business:⁷ but on that day the Bishop removed him from his office, and on 10th March transferred him to Newark Priory, and on the 13th March gave directions as to his custody in solitary confinement and on short allowance.⁸ Two months later the imprisonment was remitted, on

¹ *Pedes finium*, 49 Henry III; *Surrey*, Case 2, No. 177. (*Appendix*, VII.)

² *Diocesan Register*, *Wodelok*, 40 v to 41 v.

³ *Ibid.*, fol. 104.

⁴ *Ibid.*, fol. 110.

⁵ The various documents in reference to this transaction are entered in the *Diocesan Register*, *Wodelok*, fols. 108 v, 109 v, and 110.

⁶ *Diocesan Register*, *Asser*, 22 v.

⁷ *Diocesan Register*, *Wodelok*, fol. 101 v.

⁸ *Ibid.*, fols. 103 v. and 105 v.

account of the patience and humility with which he had borne his punishment;¹ and at another interval of two months he was permitted to return to Tanridge, but still with certain legal disabilities.² Apparently, he continued in the House from this time without any further complaint and acquired the respect of his Brethren, for we find that on the 10th February, 1323, they elected him as Prior, and though the election was declared void for irregularity, the Bishop on the 31st March following appointed him to the Office;³ but too late, for he died soon afterwards, and on the 17th March, 1324, a Citation issued for the election of a new Prior to fill the office vacant by his decease.⁴

JOHN. John Hansard, a Canon, was elected, but the election was judicially declared by the Bishop to be invalid, and the appointment thereupon devolving upon him, he appointed the said John Hansard to the Office: the proceedings lasted from the 17th March to 2nd April, 1324.⁵ Whether from age or lack of ability, he became incapable of managing the affairs of the House, the Bishop about the end of May, 1330, interdicted him from doing so, and appointed one Laurence de Rustyngton.⁶ Becoming worse, he on 4th September, 1335, resigned his Office to the Bishop, who was making a visitation of the House.⁷

PHILIP. On 4th September, 1335, when Hansard resigned, the Canons placed the appointment in the Bishop's hands, and he appointed Philip de Wokyngham as his successor. He was previously a Canon of the same Order at Newerk, in Priest's Orders, and described as a prudent and discreet man, and very circumspect in temporal and spiritual matters.⁷ To him the Bishop, on the 17th December, 1338, granted Letters of Adminis-

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 108.

² *Ibid.*, fol. 112.

³ Diocesan Register, *Asser*, fol. 22 *v.*

⁴ Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 3.

⁵ *Ibid.* (*Appendix*, XI.)

⁶ Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 51. (*Appendix*, XXVI.)

⁷ Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 26 *v.* (*Appendix*, XXVIII.)

tration to the Goods of John de Walden, in accordance with the wish expressed by the deceased in his last illness.¹ But he neglected his duties to the House, and a Citation was on 17th January, 1341, issued against him on complaint of non-residence, but he could not be found, and the Citation was otherwise served; and in the end, on 24th September, 1341, the Bishop decreed his deprivation.²

JOHN. John de Merstham, a Canon, was elected on 12th November, 1341, and the judicial proceedings took place before the Bishop's Commissioners, in Farnham Church, and his election was confirmed on the following day.³ He resigned in 1380.⁴

RICHARD. Richard French was elected, and a Commission to enquire into the regularity of the election was issued 8th May, 1380.⁴ He died 9th December, 1403.⁵

WILLIAM. William Sonderesh was elected 14th March, 1404; but, on presenting himself to the Bishop to be confirmed, the Bishop declared his election void, and collated him on his own authority the same day.⁵

(The Bishop's Registers, 1415-1446, are lost.)

JOHN. John Fremyngham was Prior in 1441.⁶

JOHN. John Hamond resigned about 1458.⁷

JOHN. John Graunesden, Canon of the Priory or Conventual Church of the Holy Trinity in London, was elected; and on 15th May, 1458, was confirmed by the Bishop.⁷ He resigned 1463.⁸

JOHN. John Odiern (perhaps from Odiham, Hants),

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wykeham*, II, fol. 69.

² Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108. (Appendix, XXIX, XXX, XXXI, XXXII.)

³ Ibid., fols. 109 and 109 v. (Appendix, XXXIV, XXXV, XXXVI.)

⁴ Diocesan Register, *Wykeham*, II, pt. 3, 186 v.

⁵ Ibid., I, 344 v.

⁶ This appears by a casual mention in Letters Testimonial, Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 15* v.

⁷ Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 90 v.

⁸ Ibid., 108 v.

the fourth successive Prior of the name of John, had previously been the Sub-prior; he was appointed by the Bishop, to whom the Convent had given up their right of election.¹ He was nominated on 14th July, and the election was confirmed on 16th July, 1463.² He died 1464.³

WILLIAM. William West, a monk of the House, was appointed by the Bishop, by a like devolution of the power, 22nd December, 1464.³ He resigned 1467.⁴

JOHN. John Kyrton, Canon of Sandelford Priory, Berkshire, was elected by the Convent 16th April, 1467, and confirmed by the Bishop at Southwark, on the 5th June;⁴ resigned 1469; and on 19th April in that year a sequestration was granted to Hugh Heghstall or Hextall, Rector of Blechingly.⁵

ROBERT. Robert was cited to attend in Convocation in 1470, 1472, and 1474.⁶

WILLIAM. William was cited to attend in Convocation in 1478.⁷

ROBERT. Robert was cited to attend in Convocation in 1495:⁸ and Sir Robert Mitchell was cited to Convocation in 1499. He resigned this Priory upon his appointment by the Bishop on the 13th July of that year, to be Prior of Reigate; and on 19th November following was elected Prior of St. Mary Overie. (But see *post.*)

ROBERT. Sir Robert Wodd, or Wode, was nominated by the Bishop, at the request of the Chapter, on 9th July, 1499.⁹ He was cited to attend in Convocation in 1500; and on 18th July, 1500, the Bishop nominated him to be Prior of St. Denys near Southampton, in which

¹ Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 108 *v.*

² *Ibid.*, fols. 126 *v.* to 127 *v.*

³ *Ibid.*, 135 *v.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, 154.

⁵ Diocesan Register, *Waynflete*, Vol. I, pt. 2, fol. 96.

⁶ *Ibid.*, fols. 142 and 156 *v.*

⁷ Diocesan Register, *Langton*, fol. 15 *v.*, at foot.

⁸ *Ibid.*, fol. 56 *v.*

⁹ Diocesan Register, *Langton*, fol. 51, et seq.

office he was confirmed on 3rd August following, and took the Canonical Oath of obedience to the Bishop on the 15th of the same month.¹

JOHN. The Convent empowered the Bishop to fill the vacancy, and he accordingly on 11th August, 1500, appointed Sir John Forster, a Canon of the Order.² He was cited to attend in Convocation in 1510, 1512, and 1523,³ and is mentioned in the Court Rolls of Bersted and Tanridge Manors from Michaelmas 1502 to 1513.⁴

ROBERT. Robert Mitchell appears to have again become Prior of the House. He is mentioned in the Court Rolls of Bersted from 28th February, 1521, to 19th May, 1524.⁵ He resigned on 24th February, 1525.⁶

JOHN. On the resignation of Robert Mitchell, the House commissioned John Farent, LL.D., John Lacy, Prior of Merton, and John Lyngfeld, a Canon of St. Mary Overie, to appoint to the vacancy; and they appointed the said John Lyngfeld on the 21st February, 1524-5.⁶ He is named on the Bersted Court Rolls from June, 1525, to 11th October, 1529:⁷ in the latter year he was summoned to attend Convocation.⁸ Upon the Dissolution of the House the King, on 2nd July, 1536, granted him a pension of £14 per annum.⁹

I am indebted to Mr. Baigent for searches in the Diocesan Registers at Winchester, and copies of the important documents there, which are printed in the Appendix; my own time not permitting me to undertake this part of the work: in order to insure accuracy, these and the other documents printed in the Appendix have, since setting up in type, been collated with the originals.

¹ Diocesan Register, *Langton*, fol. 54.

² *Ibid.*, fol. 55.

³ Diocesan Register, *Fox*, II, fol. 144; III, fol. 20 *v*; V, fol. 16 *v*.

⁴ Court Rolls of Bersted, Harl. MS. 4785, fols. 3-8.

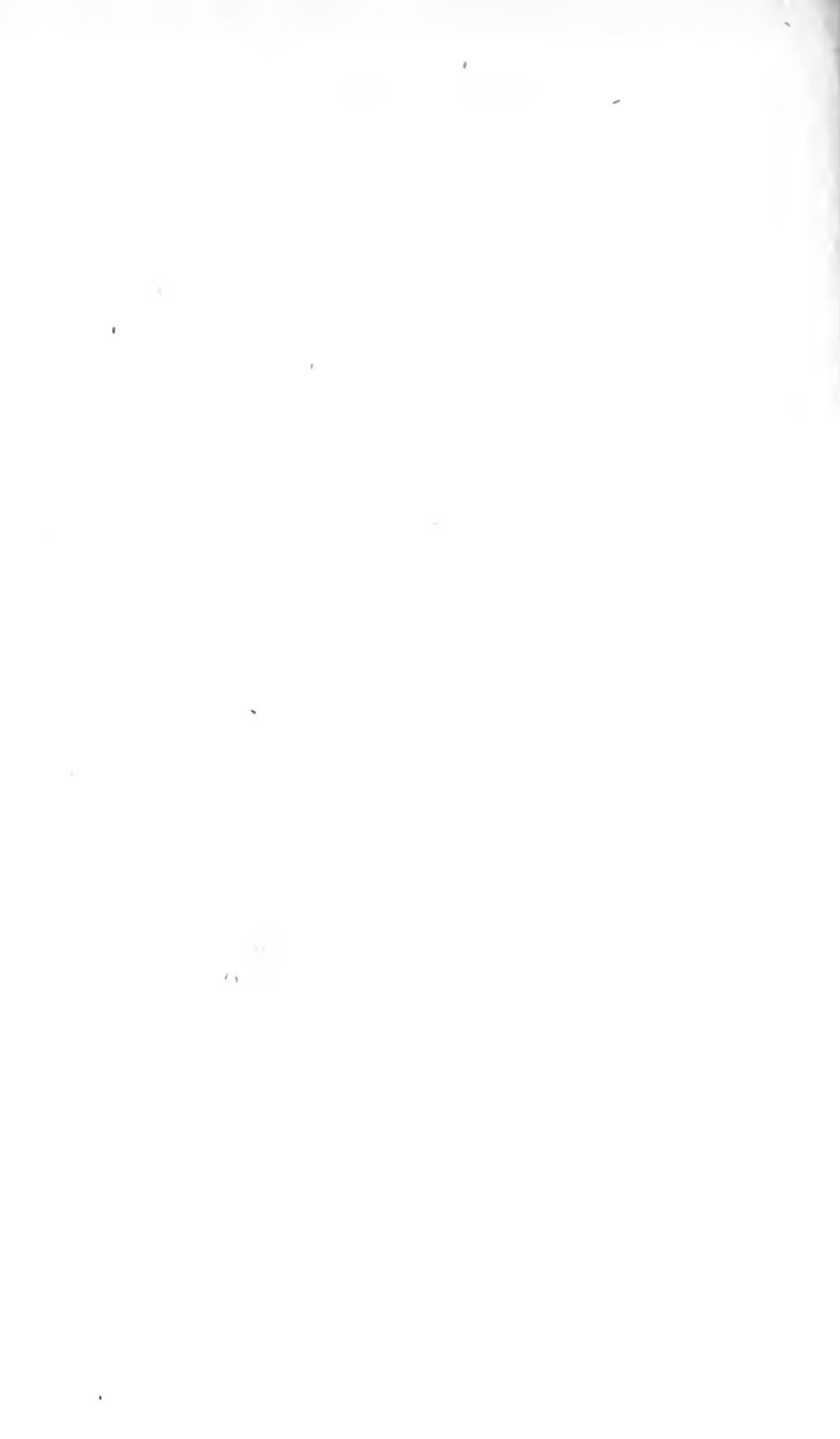
⁵ Harl. MS. 4785.

⁶ Diocesan Register, *Fox*, V, fol. 95.

⁷ Harl. MS. 4785, fols. 13-16.

⁸ Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII: Record Office Publ., IV, p. 2651.

⁹ Augmentation Office, Miscellaneous Books, 244, No. 127. (*Appendix*, XXXVII.)



APPENDIX.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS.

- I. Deed of Gift by Odo, son of William de Dammartin, to the Hospital of St. James in the Ville of Tanregge. (Dugdale's *Monasticon*, VI, p. 604.)
- II. Further Gift by same to same. (Dugdale's *Monasticon*, VI, p. 604.)
- III. Charter by Walter, Prior of Merton, in favour of Benefactors to the Hospital of St. James of Tenrigge. (Cotton MS. *Cleopatra*, C. vii, fol. 86.)
- IV. Gift by Odo, son of Odo de Danmertin, to the Hospital of St. James of Tunregge. (Harleian MS. 2044 [Randall Holmes' Collections], fol. 114.)
- V. Concord in the *Curia Regis*, between John and Alicia de Wauton and the Prior of Tenrugge. (Pedes finium, (10) Henry III, Surrey, No. 74.)
- VI. Concord in the *Curia Regis*, between Gillebert and Richalda Oisel and the Prior and Church of Tenrigge. (Pedes finium, (19) Henry III, Surrey, No. 181.)
- VII. Concord in the *Curia Regis*, between the Prior of Tanrigge and Thomas de Warblington. (Pedes finium, (47) Henry III, Surrey, Case 2, No. 177.)
- VIII. Permission by Roland de Oksted for Grant by William de Oksted to the Priory. (Inquisition *post mortem*, 12 Edward I, Surrey, No. 49.)
- IX. Licence in Mortmain for Henry de Guldeford to grant to Prior and Convent of Tanrigge the Advowson of Crawehurst Church. (Patent Roll, 30 Edward I, m. 3.)
- X. Injunctions, 20th December, 1308, consequent on Visitation. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fols. 148 *v* to 149 *v*.)

XI. Commission of Enquiry as to conformity with Injunctions :
25th November, 1308. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 97 v.)

XII. Report of Commission : 5th December, 1308. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 96 v.)

XIII. Ordinance to avoid Strife : 30th November, 1308. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 96 v.)

XIV. Further Commission for Visitation (1308). (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 103 v.)

XV. Deprivation of Henry de Pecham of Office of Cellarer, and appointment of another in his place : 4th February, 1309. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 101 v.)

XVI. Order for Banishment and Imprisonment of Henry de Pecham, late Cellarer : 12th March, 1309. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 103 v.)

XVII. Orders to Priory of Newark as to Treatment of Prisoner : 23rd March, 1309. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 105 v.)

XVIII. Order for Amelioration of Punishment : 27th May, 1309. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 108.)

XIX. Permission for Him to return to Tanridge : 16th July, 1309. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 112.)

XX. Order for Payment for Expenses of Prisoner : 16th July, 1309. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 112.)

XXI. Letters of Request to the Prior of Newark to permit Thomas de St. Alban, one of his Canons, to leave the Priory, in order to become Prior of Tanrugg. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 108 v.)

XXII. Licence for the Transfer, &c. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 109 v.)

XXIII. Appointment of Coadjutor for Temporal Affairs : 22nd November, 1312. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 175.)

XXIV. Proclamation of Election of John Hansard to be Prior : 17th March, 1324. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 3.)

XXV. Process of the Election; Mandate for Induction; and Monition of Obedience: 31st March, 1324. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 3.)

XXVI. Commission of Coadjutor to Prior: 31st May, 1330. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 51.)

XXVII. Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, for gift by Henry att Donne to the Priory of 5 acres at Okstede. (British Museum, Add. MS. 6167 [Symm's Collections], p. 415.)

XXVIII. Episcopal Visitation of the Priory when John Hansard resigned and Philip de Wokyngham was appointed Prior: 4th September, 1335. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 26 v.)

XXIX. Commission to cite Prior Philip for Non-Residence: 17th January, 1341. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108.)

XXX. Citation of same "by ways and means:" 28th July, 1341. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108.)

XXXI. Commission for Deprivation for Non-Residence: 22nd September, 1341. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108 v.)

XXXII. Sentence of Deprivation: 26th September, 1341. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108 v.)

XXXIII. Inquisition *post mortem*, of John de Warblyngton, who died on 13th February, 1351. (Inquis. P. M., 25 Edw. III, 1st Nos., No. 54. [Add. MS. 6167, fol. 416.])

XXXIV. Process of Election of John de Merstham to be Prior, the morrow of St. Martin, 1341. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 109.)

XXXV. Confirmation of the Election: 13th November, 1341. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 109 v.)

XXXVI. Mandate for Installation: 13th November, 1341. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 109 v.)

XXXVII. Letters Testimonial to William Wiltshire: 4th July, 1452. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 15* v.)

XXXVIII. Sequestration of Income of the Priory: 14th October, 1461. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 68*.)

XXXIX. Episcopal Sequestration on Vacancy: 10th April, 1469. (Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 96*.)

XL. Grant of Pension to Prior on Dissolution of the Priory: 2nd July, 1536. (Augmentation Office, Miscel. Books, Vol. 244, No. 127.)

XLI. Ministers' Accounts: year ending Michaelmas, 29th Henry VIII (1537). (Ministers' Accounts, 28-29 Henry VIII, No. 108.)

I.

DEED OF GIFT BY ODO, SON OF WILLIAM DE DAMMARTIN, TO THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JAMES IN THE VILLE OF TANREGGE.

(Dugdale's *Monasticon*, VI, p. 604.)

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Odo de Dammartin, filius Willielmi de Dammartin, salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse et concessisse et hac præsenti carta mea confirmasse, pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris meæ, et puerorum meorum; et pro animabus patris et matris meæ; et antecessorum et successorum meorum, Deo et Hospitali S. Jacobi in villa de Tanregge, et tribus presbyteris in perpetuum ibidem Deo servientibus, et confratribus ejusdem Hospitalis, totam terram meam de Warling geham, ad suscipiendum et sustentandum infirmos, et pauperes, et peregrinos, hospitio indigentes in liberam et puram elemosinam; cum molendino ad ventum, et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, sine aliquo retinemento, in croftis, in pietlakes, in bose, in gravis, in plano, in pratis, in pascuis, in semitis, in viis, in aquis, in maris, in sepibus, in clausturis, in communibus pasturis, et in omnibus libertatibus; habendam et tenendam libere et quiete, finaliter, ab omni servitio et exactione seculari quod debeo hæredibus Willielmi de Hammes; scilicet xx^s sterlingorum et due calaria deaurata de pretii sex denariorum, vel sex denarios annuatim ad duos terminos; scilicet ad Pascha decem solidos et calaria; et ad festum S. Michaelis decem solidos, sine calumpnia; et salvo servitio quantum pertinet ad quartam partem feodi unius militis pro omnibus servitiis et demandis. Et ego et heredes mei debemus defendere et warantizare præfatam terram et donationem atque confirmationem contra omnes homines et omnes foeminas. His testibus, Radulfo capellano de Rigata, Henrico capellano, Hamone de Turbeville, Radulfo Pimpe, Luca de Laundecote, Petro de Perefricht, Willielmo de Danmartin, Gralando et Baldrieo fratribus, Petro de Thaleuurthe, Radulfo de Turneham, Radulfo parario, Johanne Bolle, Nicolao de la Dene, et pluribus aliis.

II.

FURTHER GIFT BY SAME TO SAME.

(Dugdale's *Monasticon*, VI, p. 604.)

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Odo de Dammartin, filius Willielmi de Dammartin, dedi pro salute animæ meæ, Deo et Hospitali

S. Jacobi de Tanregge, omnes reliquias meas, et duos civos argenteos ad calicem faciendam, et vestimenta, et omnes libros, cæteraque omnia capellæ meæ. Insuper, dedi præfato Hospitali ix boves, et unum taurum, et suem cum porcellis, quæ sunt ad Suevic' in computatione xii boum; quos divisi eidem hospitali, habendos de melioribus bovibus terræ meæ. Et ut hæc donatio mea rata sit et stabilis, eam præsenti cartâ meâ atque sigillo confirmavi. Hiis testibus, Rob. capellano, Will. capellano, Thoma de Wllst priore de Meretuna, Radulfo decano, et pluribus aliis.

III.

CHARTER BY WALTER, PRIOR OF MERTON, IN FAVOUR OF BENEFACTORS TO THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JAMES OF TENRIGGE.

(Cotton MS. *Cleopatra*, C. vii, fol. 86.)

W[ALTERUS], Prior Meritoñ t ejusdē loci c'vēt⁹, univ̄sis Xpi fidelibus p̄sntes liñas insp̄ctis, s̄lt in dno. Nov̄it univ̄sitas ūra, nos divine pietatis intuitu, Dñm Odonc de Dammartī fūdatorē t ūes fres t sorores t ūes Benefactores Hospitalis sc̄i Jacobi de tenriȝ in fr̄nitatē dom⁹ ūre de M̄setoñ, sp̄aȝ suscepisse t cōcessisse in iþi p̄tē t cōmūionē noȝcum h̄ant i ūibȝ ořonibȝ Elemosinis, Jejunii, Vigiliis, Disciplinis, in Missarȝ celebraȝonibȝ, in Religionis t Ordinis observatōnibȝ, t i ūibȝ Aliis Bonis t Beneficiis que i domo ūra t in Omnibus Domibus Religiosis fueri t in ppetuū fient. In huj⁹ fr̄nitatis testimoniū sigillū nřm p̄senti scripto duximus apponendū. Valt. Daȝ anno dñi M.CC.xvij^o, xv k̄l Julii.

IV.

GIFT BY ODO, SON OF ODO DE DANMERTIN, TO THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JAMES OF TUNREGGE.

(Harleian MS. 2044 [Randall Holmes' Collections], fol. 114.)

Sc. t̄c. Ego Odo de Danm̄ti f̄l Odonis de Danmartin dedi t p Salute aia mee et p aiaȝ p̄ris et m̄ris mee et ancess⁹ et successorē meorē Deo et hospitali S̄ci Jacob de Tūregge et fr̄ibȝ ibidē deo t̄c. dimidiā ac̄r p̄re ȝ. le Brome in villa de Chepsted, qm Alfrię Soxere tenuit de me eū domibȝ qm h̄t cum iþa ūra: h̄end et tenendā t̄c: et ego warantiz. t̄c: test⁹ Wiȝ de Daȝmartin, Robt Burnard, Radulf de Pi'p^r, Robt fil Pagani, Wiȝ de S̄co Johe, Pet^o Talewrth, Ada de Talewrth, Eustachio do Wlkest, Wiȝ de Novaȝra, et pluribȝ aliis.

V.

CONCORD IN THE CURIA REGIS, BETWEEN JOHN AND ALICIA DE
WAUTON AND THE PRIOR OF TENRUGGE.

(Pedes finium, (10) Henry III, Surrey, No. 74.)

Hec est finalis concordia fca in Cuř Dñi Regis apud Westm in Octař Purificacōis Beate Marie anno Regni Regis Henř fī Regis Johis, decimo ; coram Martino de Pařhiř, Thom de Muletoň, Thom de Heideň, Roř de Lexintoň, Warino fī Johelis, Justič, t aliis Dñi Regis fidelibz tūc ibi p̄sentibz ; Int Johm de Wautoň t Alicia uxore ejus petn̄tes p Thomā de Grava positū loco ipius Johis ad lucān v̄l pdū t p Wiřm de Kingestuň positū loco ipius Alič ad lucān v̄l pdū. Et Thomā Priorē de Tenrugge tenentē, de qđ viginti acris bosci cū ptiň in Tenrugge. Unde placitū fuit inf eos in ead cuř, scit qđ pdči Johs t Alič remiserūt t quietū clamařut de se t heredibz ipius Alič, ipi Priori t successoribz suis t ecclie de Tenrugge totū jus t clamiū quod habueřt in pdčis quater viginti acris bosci cū ptiň imppetuū. Et pro h̄c remissō quieta clamancia fine t concordia pdčus Prior remisit de se t successoribz suis eisđ Johi t Alič t heredibz ipius Alič personā ad triginta porcos qam hūit in bosco eorundē Johis t Alič ex dono Odonis Danmartin senioris. Et chaciam cū tresdecī canibz t sex leporariis, quam hūit ex dono Odonis Danmarti Junioris, in warennā eorundū Johis t Alič t hřdū ipius Alič imppetuū.

VI.

CONCORD IN THE CURIA REGIS, BETWEEN GILLEBERT AND RICHALDA
OISEL AND THE PRIOR AND CHURCH OF TENRIGGE.

(Pedes finium, (19) Henry III, Surrey, No. 181.)

Hec est finat concordia fca in Cuř dñi Reḡ ap̄d Bermundeš a die Sc̄i Mich̄ in tres septim̄, anno Regni Reḡ Henř fī Reḡ Joh decimo nono ; corā Wiřo de Eboř, Wiřo de Insula, Radō de Norwič, t Huř de Playz, justič itiřantibz, t aliis dñi Reḡ fidelibz tūc ibi p̄sentibz. Int Gilleb Oisel t Richalda ux ejus petentes, t Adam Priorē de Tenrič tenentē, de sexdecī acř fr̄e cū ptiň in Tenrič. Unde assisa mortis antecess̄ suūmonita fuit inf eos in eadem cuř, scit qđ pdči Gilleb t Richalda recognovut totam pdčam fr̄a cum ptiň esse jus ipius Prioris t Ecclie sue de Tenrič. Et p hac recognicōne, fine t concordia, idem Prior cōcessit pdčis Gilleb t Richalde novē acř fr̄e cū ptiň de ead fr̄a, scit illas novē acř fr̄e quas Rořs de Shortehat quondā tenuit. Habend t tenend ipiis Gilleb t

Richalde t̄ h̄edib̄ īpius Richalde de p̄d̄o Priore t̄ succ̄ suis t̄ ecclia p̄d̄a in ppetuū. Reddendo inde annuat̄ duodecī deñ ad festū S̄ci Mich̄ p̄ om̄i ſvičo t̄ exaccōne. Et p̄lea idem Prior dedit p̄d̄cis Gilleb̄ et Richalde dimid̄ marc̄ argēti.

VII.

CONCORD IN THE CURIA REGIS, BETWEEN THE PRIOR OF TANRIGGE
AND THOMAS DE WARBLINGTON.

(Pedes finium, (47) Henry III, Surrey, Case 2, No. 177.)

Hec est finiaſ concord̄ f̄ca in eū dñi Rēg apud Geldeford̄ a die S̄ci Hillař in quindecim dies, anno regni Rēg Hen̄r fit Rēg Jōhis q̄d̄a gesio ſept̄io; coram M̄rtino de Littilbyř, Walſo de Berſted, Galfrido de Leukenoř, Ričo de Hemington, Justič Itiňan̄, t̄ aliis dñi Rēg fidelib̄ tūc ibi p̄ſentib̄. Inl̄ Humfrid̄ Priorē de Tanrigge queř, t̄ Thomam de Warblingtoň in ppetientē, de uno mesuař, q̄tuordecī acř ſtre t̄ duodecī acř paſtre cū ptinenč in Tannerigge. Unde placitū warant̄ carte ſum̄ fuit inl̄ eos in eadem eū, ſclt qd̄ p̄d̄cus Thoř recoḡn p̄d̄a teneřta cū ptinenč eſſe jus īpius Prioris t̄ ecclie ſue de Tannerigge ut illa que idem Prior t̄ ecclia ſua p̄d̄a h̄nt de dono īpius Thoř. Hñd t̄ tenend̄ eidē Priori ſuccesſor̄ ſuis t̄ ecclie ſue p̄d̄ce de p̄d̄co Thoř t̄ h̄edib̄ ſuis in lib̄am puram t̄ ppetuam elemoš in ppetuum. Et p̄d̄cus Thoř t̄ heredes ſui warant̄ acquieč t̄ defendant p̄d̄co Priori ſuccesſor̄ ſuis t̄ ecclie ſue p̄d̄ce, p̄d̄a teneřta cū pt̄iň ut puram t̄ perpetuam elemoš ſuam, lišam t̄ quietā ab omni ſeculari ſvičo t̄ exaccōe, cont̄a ōm̄es hořes in ppetuū. Et p̄lea idē Thoř concesſit p̄ ſe t̄ h̄edib̄ ſuis qd̄ īpi deceſo reddent ſingul̄ annis p̄d̄co Priori ſucc̄ ſuis t̄ ecclie ſue p̄d̄ce, viginti ſolidos ad duos ſ̄minos, ſclt medietatē ad festū Nativit̄ S̄ci Jōhis Bapt̄, t̄ alſam medietatē ad Natale Dñi. Et ſi ita contingat qd̄ p̄d̄cus Thoř v̄t h̄edes ſui in ſolučōe p̄dcož denař ad aliqd̄ ſ̄minū defeſit, bene licebit eidem Priori ſucc̄ ſuis t̄ ecclie ſue p̄d̄ce, diſtingue p̄d̄em Thoř t̄ h̄ed suos p̄ omnia catalla ſua in omnib̄ ſ̄ris t̄ teneřtis ſuis in maſio de Tenrigg inventa, usq̄ ad plenam ſolučōnem denař qui a retro f̄uint. Et p̄d̄cus Prior concesſit p̄ ſe ſucc̄ ſuis t̄ ecclia ſua p̄d̄a, qd̄ īpi deceſo invenient quendam canonicum ſuū capellm qui in ecclia ſua p̄d̄a ad altare B̄e Marie, p̄ aňab̄ īpius Thoř antecessož t̄ h̄ed ſuož, quolibet die divina celebrabit.

VIII.

PERMISSION BY ROLAND DE OKSTED FOR GRANT BY WILLIAM DE OKSTED TO THE PRIORY.

(Inquisition *post mortem*, 12 Edward I, Surrey, No. 49.)

Pateat univis hoc sc̄iptū visuū v̄l audituū q̄d ego Rolandus de Oksted, concessi t̄ p̄ me t̄ h̄redibus mei? cōfirmavi . . Prior de Tenregg t̄ eiusdm loci conventui, ingressū in Fr̄is et teneñt cū p̄tin̄ q̄s petūt de gr̄a dñi Reḡ recipe de dono Wiñi de Oksted de feodo meo. In villa de Oksted. H̄nd t̄ tend de me t̄ h̄redibus meis v̄l meis assigat̄is faciendo inde m̄ t̄ h̄redibus meis oñmia s̄vicia inde de jure debita t̄ cōsueta, put in sc̄iptis int̄ nos ad mod̄ ciroḡp̄ c'fectis plenius c'tinet̄. In cui⁹ rei testimōū p̄senti sc̄ipto sigillum meum apposui. Dañ die Jovis pxia ante festum S̄ci Edmūdi C'fessori, Anno r' Reḡ Edward Fr̄cio deciō.

IX.

LICENCE IN MORTMAIN FOR HENRY DE GULDEFORD TO GRANT TO PRIOR AND CONVENT OF TANRIGGE THE ADVOWSON OF CRAWEHURST CHURCH.

(Patent Roll, 30 Edward I, m. 3.)

Pro Priore } R̄ oñibȝ ad quos t̄c, saltm. Licet de comuni consilio *de Tanrigge.* regui n̄ri statūmus q̄d nō liceat viris religiosis seu aliis ingredi feodū alicujus ita q̄d ad manum mortuam deveniat sine licencia n̄ra t̄ capitalis dñi de quo res illa immediate tenet̄; p̄ finem, tamen quem dil̄cus nobis in X̄po Prior de Tanrigge fecit nobiscum coram venerabili p̄re Walþo Coventr̄ t̄ Lych Eþo, Theþ n̄ro, concessimus et licenciam dedimus, quantum in nobis est, Henr̄ de Guldeford q̄d iþe advocaçōem ecclie de Crawehurst dare possit t̄ assignare p̄fatis Priori t̄ Conventui ejusdem loci, tenendam t̄ h̄endam sibi t̄ successoribus suis imppetuū. Et eisd̄ Priori et Conventui q̄d iþi advocaçōem illam p̄d̄cō Henrico recipere possint tenendam t̄ h̄endam sibi t̄ successoribus suis p̄d̄cis, sicut p̄d̄c̄m est tenore p̄senciū, similit̄ licenciam dedimus sp̄atem. Nolentes q̄d idem Henricus vel heredes sui aut p̄d̄ci Prior t̄ Conventus seu successores sui, rōne Statuti p̄d̄ci p̄ nos vel heredes n̄ros inde oñconent̄ in aliquo, vel ḡvent̄. Salvis tamen capitalibus dñis feedi illius s̄viciis inde debit is et consuetis. In cuius t̄c. T. R. apud Westm̄ xliij die Novemb̄.

X.

INJUNCTIONS, 20TH DECEMBER, 1308, CONSEQUENT ON VISITATION.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fols. 148 *v* to 149 *v*.)

Tanrugge. Fī H[enricus, pmissione divina Wintoni ep̄us,] dilc̄is filiis . . Prior de Tanrugg' īre dioç, vī ejus vices gerenti. t ejusd̄ loci Conventui, saltm, ḡram t bñ. Nup nos die Jovis p̄x post fm̄ Sc̄i Edwardi Regē t Confessore, anno Dñi M^oCCC^{mo} octavo, vos et moñ vīm put īro pastorali incenbit officio visitantes. quedā inf̄ vos correccōe digna repim^o, que sub for^a que subsequit^r, decrevim^o corrigenda. In p̄mis, ordinamus, statuim^o t p̄cipimus, q̄d divinū officiū, tam de die q^a de nocte, cū òi sollempnitate, qua convenit, de celo celebret^r, saltim q̄ singlis diebȝ, cum missis ad quas p̄ scriptū, vīl p̄ juramentū tenemini, p̄ bñfactoribȝ celebrent^r, videt missa una de S̄ca Maria cū nota, t alia cum nota, que dicit^r missa major ad quā tenē ex observancia regulari, t quicūq; ad d̄cas missas celebrandas p̄ bñfctoribȝ sive alias cū nota fūint intitulati, nisi p̄ se, seu suppōitas personas ip̄as celebravint^r; volumus eodem die in pane et aq^a jejunant t nichō^o per alios misse celebrēt^r antedēc, ne pp̄l eož maliciam, divinū officiū subt^ahat^r, t nullus ab officio divino, absq; cā ūonabili t legiā se absentet, t tunc de sui prioris licencia sp̄ali. Item, vestigiis bone memorio dñi Ottoboni dudum Ap^{ce} Sedis legati in Angl inherentes. statuendo ut sup^a p̄cipimus, q̄ canōici int̄ vos p̄fessi t in saðocio constituti frequen^r confiteant^r suo priori, vīl alteri ejusd̄ ordinis de iþius licencia, t divina celebrent in locis ad hoc deputatis t hacten^r cōsuetis. Item, p̄cipim^o q̄ suppōtor sc̄dm anteq^a consuetudinē, inf̄ vos usitatam in vīo collegio de vīo consensu unanimi p̄ficiat^r. P̄cipim^o eciā q̄ silenciū inf̄ vos locis t temporibȝ sc̄dm regulā vīram de celo artius observet^r, t q̄ hostia claustrī, horis debitīs, claudant^r t clausa eisdem tempibȝ custodian^r. Item, p̄cipim^o, q̄ nullus absq; licencia sui prioris claustrum vīl moñ exire quoqno modo p̄sumat, nec sup̄ior ille ita de facili ut consuetū est fīrem aliquē licenciet ad exeund^r absq; cā justa t ūonabili, t tunc sic exiens, honestum comitem p̄ p̄orem s̄i adjunctū h̄eat, t limitato sibi tempe redeat sine mora. Item, p̄cipim^o ut s̄, q̄ nūs fīrum put cōvenit augeat^r q̄a cīci^o ad id facultas se optulerit, t ydonei valeant repiri. Inhibem^o eciā ne quis vīm decep̄o utat^r veste aliq^a ordini suo dissimli t indecenti, s̄z tali quā regla vīra t religionis honestas exigit t requirit, p̄viso q̄ om̄i sit h̄itus uniformis. Inhibem^o t ne qui vīm cortinas h̄eant in domitorio circa lectos, s̄z ita jaceant singli ut videri valeant a quolibet transeunte. Item, ordinam^o t statuend^r p̄cipimus, q̄ infirmi confrēs vīr sc̄dm eož indigenciā t vīram regulam visistent^r, t sc̄dm f̄terne humanitatis debitū decep̄o p̄curent^r, ac elemosina

debita t̄ consueta, plus solito fiat in fut̄m. Item, inhibem⁹ ne dece⁹o, f̄rib⁹ existentib⁹ in mēsa in honeste psone seculares reectoriū ing⁹diant⁹, t̄ comedant, sive sint domestici, sive ex⁹nei s⁹ exsp⁹tent usq; post refecōm fratrum, v̄l loc⁹ ali⁹ p eož refecōe eis dece⁹o deputet⁹. Item, inhibem⁹, ne cōmessacōes t̄ potacōes post cubitū f̄rum, quisq; v̄rm teneat in refectoris, vel alibi, n⁹ de cōsuetudie, absq; rōnabili cā reficiat⁹, n̄i horis debit⁹ et cōsuetis. Item, statuendo p̄cipim⁹, q null⁹ f̄rum cū muliere susp⁹cta, v̄l de q⁹ possit h̄eri suspicio, sive seculari, sive religiosa, locis t̄ tempib⁹ susp⁹tis colloq̄iū h̄eat, n⁹ ad domū īpius, quoquo m⁹ accedat, ne ex hoc scandalū in p̄plo oriat⁹. Item, statuim⁹ ordinam⁹ t̄ p̄cipim⁹ qd quolibet anno semel admin⁹ statū moñ v̄ri in capitulo p̄ce⁹ cōr f̄rib⁹, p̄t statuta sc̄d̄z patrū exigūt, prior t̄ celarius, qui p tempe fūint ostendant, t̄ de administacōe sua reddaut plenař rōem, t̄ circa exofiacōm eris alieni, in quo moñ obligat⁹, in q̄ntū est possibile laborent, t̄ cōmodū moñ v̄ri p̄curent dece⁹o p̄t possunt. Item, statuimus ordinam⁹ t̄ p̄cipim⁹, q sc̄dm antiq; consuetudinem hacten⁹ in⁹ vos usitatā, t̄ v̄ri ordinis regulam in esculentis t̄ poculentis, vestib⁹ t̄ aliis n⁹eciis, jux⁹ facultates eccie v̄re vob⁹ provideat⁹, t̄ si que illicito alienata fūint, p virib⁹ revocent⁹, t̄ mājora negocia monasteri v̄ri, ac sigillū v̄rm cōe de voluntate t̄ assensu majoris t̄ sanioris ptis conventus, tractent⁹, c̄xceānt⁹, fiāt t̄ decc̄lo p̄curent⁹, t̄ q nemora v̄ra n̄llaten⁹ p̄sternant⁹, n⁹ arbores in eisdem dentur nisi de e'sensu unanimi, t̄ ex cā rōnabili vobis p̄mit⁹ exp̄ssa, t̄ p majorem ptē v̄ri collegii approbata. P̄missa ñia t̄ singla vob⁹ mittim⁹ sub sigillo ñro paten⁹ signata, p vos t̄ quēlibet v̄rm q̄aten⁹ vos cōjunctim, t̄ divisim tangūt, seu tanḡe pōfunt in fut̄m, in virtute s̄cē obediē diligēt⁹ t̄ fideli⁹ observanda t̄ quolibet anno q̄ter, videāt, q̄libet q̄terio anni semel coram vob⁹ in pleno capitulo v̄ro, scilicet, in p̄ma Dñica Adventus Dñi, t̄ in Dñica medic Q̄dragesime, t̄ in fo Ascencōis Dñice, ac eciā infra octab Nativit̄ Bē Marie virḡ plene, disticte t̄ apte, publice recitanda, ne quis v̄rm sup̄missis v̄l eož aliquib⁹ seu aliquo, ignoranciā p̄tendere. Valeat quoquomodo. Dañ apud Essher', xij t̄ Decemb̄, anno Dñi s̄dēo. Cons̄ ñre, q̄rto.

XI.

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY AS TO CONFORMITY WITH INJUNCTIONS:
25TH NOVEMBER, 1308.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 97 v.)

Commissio de Tanrugge. F̄r H[enricus] t̄c, dīcis fit, p̄ori de Tanrugg' ñre dioç, v̄l ejus vices gerenti, t̄ ejusd̄ loci coñ. Salim, grām

¶ bñ. Ad p̄minand felicē, ac modestiori quo poñim⁹, p honore religionis, ea que in vro moñ, nup in nra visitaçōe invenim⁹ corrigenda, religiosis viris, Fr̄ Lauñ de Glouç, sacre theologie p̄fessori, t̄ fr̄i Ad̄ Saȝ monacho Sc̄i Swithi Win̄, comittimus vices nras, cū cohc̄ois canōice p̄tate. eosd ad vos p̄senciañ dirigendo, voñq, oibȝ & singl̄is in virtute sc̄e obedie p̄cipim⁹ t̄ mandam⁹, q̄at̄in⁹ eis singl̄is que emendaçōm status domus vre contigē poñunt ac in oibȝ, que ex pte nra voñ injungent quo ad tempalia t̄ sp̄ualia, plenins peatis t̄ humili⁹ intendatis. Valt. Dañ apd Farnham, viij kt Decembr̄, anno t̄c [M⁹CCC⁹ octavo].

XII.

REPORT OF COMMISSION: 5TH DECEMBER, 1308.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 96 v.)

Acta ejusdem. M̄d q̄ fr̄es L[aurencius] t̄ Ad[am] feria quinta p̄ ante fñm Sc̄i And̄, anno Dñi M⁹CCC⁹ Octavo, mane in capitulo de Tarugg' corā p̄ore, celerañ et toto cōventu p̄missō v̄bo Dei, p̄mo: exhibūt deceutum dñi H[enrici] Dei gr̄a Win̄ epi, t̄ illd in singl̄is suis artīclis diligenc⁹ exposūt. S̄cdo: q̄sieñt ab eis certificatoñ mandat̄ d̄ci pat̄s sup̄ c'poto redd̄t cit̄ certū diē. Et quia nō certificarūt pena tante inobedie debitā dñi Win̄ epi arbit̄o, reservañt. Tertio: inq̄sieñt an celerari⁹ comp̄ reddiderit et inveniñt q̄ a tempe fundaçōis dom⁹ n̄c tēpe celerñ nūc existente n̄c alñius unq̄a comp̄ reddebat̄. Ita q̄ nesciebat valorē dom⁹, sm̄a reddit⁹ anni nee exitū cuj⁹cunq̄ ḡangie, n̄c sūma semiñis señ per aūnū in quocunq̄ genñe ḡni, nec exitū cuj⁹cunq̄ tass̄ bladi, n̄c sm̄a blad̄ ad furniend̄ p̄ aūnū, nee ad braç, nee libaçōes famuloȝ, nec aliud sciebant prior, celerarins v̄l alii q̄d ad statum p̄tinere debuit. Quarto: feñunt celerariū redd̄e comptū coram priore t̄ conventu t̄ inepientes a p̄mo anno sue administ̄cōis, tot inveniñt negligencias t̄ falsitates, q̄d vix infra spaciū multoȝ dieȝ illū compotū p̄minassent, iō señuti die incepunt ab ultimo anno sue administ̄cōis, t̄ inventis falsitatibȝ detestabilibȝ fecerūt p̄ manus Simonis de Schirford ordinem compotū unius anni pro exemplo reddendi comp̄ p̄ fut̄o. Quinto: d̄cs fr̄ A[dam] cum W[illelmo] de Schire, canonico t̄ eorum ballio per ordinaçōem d̄ci L[aurencii] viderūt ptem nemoȝ t̄ invenerūt q̄d possunt vend̄e in loco quē viderunt de vefibȝ quereubȝ ad valorem viginti marcaȝ p̄ emp̄cōe bladi t̄ debitis acquitand̄ t̄ hoc absq; dampnū dom⁹. Sexto: quia ministri eoȝ seculares numq; p̄ tal̄ v̄l juramentū fūrūt oñlati, eos oñlarūt p̄ utm̄q; t̄ sup̄ hoc et aliis ordinaçōem feñunt in forȝ que sequit̄ in sedula

huic adjuncta. Septimo^o ordinarūt dñm Henr' tanq^a supervisorē reſ extⁱnſecaꝝ, et dñm Wilm de Schire receptorem oīm spectanciū [infra] prioratum t̄ hoc sub for^a in q^adam sedula contenta t̄ status autē dom^o t̄ ordinacōem comp̄ apparent in q^adam cedula laſali. Octavo^o ipis exiſtentibꝝ in dissencōe, dēs L[aurencius] oīmes reduxit ad concordiā.

Nono^o injunxit eis q̄ poſſent in martiloḡ statuta dñi Wintoñ t̄ ordinacōes ipoꝝ, t̄ p̄missio ſbo Dei dimisit eos in pace, ac ſcipſit dño Roſo de Stang^ave, militi, q̄ pmit^o et dñm W[illelmum] de Schyr' stare domi.

XIII.

ORDINANCE TO AVOID STRIFE: 30TH NOVEMBER, 1308.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 96 v.)

Ordinacio facta apud Tanruggē. Fr̄ Laurencius de Glouc' t̄ Ad Saꝝ monach^o Wint̄, coſiſſar' veñ p̄ris dñi H[enrici] Dei grā Wintoñ epi, dilecte in Xpo . . p̄ori de Tanrugg' v̄l ejus vices gerenti, t̄ ejusd̄ loci convētui, ſat̄ in eo quē pepit uſus v̄ginaſ. Volentes in vos caritatē, que finis religionis ēē dinoscit^r cōfoꝝe, lites t̄ dissensiones cōpēſe, quibꝝ pleꝝq; unitas t̄ concordia dissolvūt^r, statuim^o t̄ ordinam^o ut n̄t̄ ſrum cū alio litiget, aut cōtendat, ſeu alfi conf̄rum contumeliā inferat q^oq^omodo q̄ ſi q̄is ſrum in p̄missis deliquerit, p̄ p̄orem, vt alterum p̄ſidentē capiſlo corā ſibꝝ corripiat^r. Et ſi ter ſup hoc rephēn^o ſe nō emendaꝝit, p̄ ſubt^accōm ſui ferculi puniat^r, ita q̄ crescente culpa crescat et pena, quousq; in hoc fuit emendat^r. Per p̄missa autē nō intendim^o inhibere q̄in frem delinqūtem p̄or v̄l alſ corripiat modestia ſemp in omnibus observata. It̄, statuim^o, q̄ fr̄ cui cura expenſaꝝ coqne ſre coſiſſit^r, in fine eniſl^z ſeptimane de administracōe ſua, p̄ori ſuo reddat plenař rōm. It̄, ordinam^o q̄ ministⁱ ſri ſeculare, t̄ in officiis constituti, videſt, in g^angiis, t̄ g^anarſio, ac cciā ad eſtodiā aīaliū ſroꝝ deputati, ſint p̄ talliam oīnati, t̄ ſe faciant p̄ talliā exonſare de receptis, p̄ſtentq; ſac^amentū corporali q̄ fideliꝝ admīſt^abūt, recipiendo, recepta eſtodiendo, t̄ ead̄ aliis lib^ando, n^enon de exitibꝝ aīaliū fideliꝝ respondendo, t̄ dēi ministⁱ ſecular' ſingli ad hoc q^aten^o eos cōtingūt p̄ p̄orē v̄l ſrem cui tempaliū cura coſiſſit^r, cōpellant^r. Premiſſa oīa et ſingla vobis injungim^o firmiꝝ observanda, t̄ cū decreto veſtabit p̄ris p̄dci dñi Wint̄ epi corā vob̄ ſi q^arter' anni in ſroꝝ capiſlo puſe recitanda Daſ aīp̄d Tanrugg' die ſci And^r aīpli, anno Dñi M^oCCC^{mo} octavo.

XIV.

FURTHER COMMISSION FOR VISITATION (1308).

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 103 v.)

Commissio de Tanrugge. Fī H[enricus] tē, dītēis filiis . . priori et conventū de Tanrugg', nīre dioēs, saltin tē. Prop̄ quedā visitacōm nīram apud vos nup fēam contingēia, dilcōs nob̄ in Xpō, Māgros P̄km de Bartoñ, arch̄m nīm Sur̄, t̄ Lauñ de Glouc̄, monachū S̄ci Pet̄ eīdē (sic) sacre theologie p̄fessorē, vōb̄ destinam̄ canoīce f̄minanda, q̄ib̄ in h̄c pte vices nīr̄as cōmitt̄, cū eoñcōis canoīce p̄tate. Vōb̄ injungentes, q̄at̄ eis̄ in hiis t̄ aliis, que penes vos inveniūt̄ corrigēda, peatis sicut nob̄. Scientes q̄ eensuras quas tulerit in rebelles, faciem̄ auctore Dño inviolabilī observari. Dañ tē. [M°CCC° Octavo.]¹

XV.

DEPRIVATION OF HENRY DE PECHAM OF OFFICE OF CELLARER,
AND APPOINTMENT OF ANOTHER IN HIS PLACE:

4TH FEBRUARY, 1309.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 101 v.)

. . . *Priori et conventui de Tanrugge.* Sal̄m, grām t̄ bñ. Cum nos visitacōis nīre officiū, in̄b̄ vos jur' dioēs nup ex̄centes, f̄rem H[enricum] tūc celariū ūrm, multis rōib̄ id poscentib̄ ab officio suo p̄dē amoūim̄ t̄ eundem supervisorē rež ext̄insecaž, in subsidiū f̄ris Wiñ de Shire quē p̄ utilitate moñ ūri, ūrm ordinavim̄ receptorē deputaūim̄, quousq; ād in hac pte duxim̄ statuend̄. Volētes, quod s̄c p̄ nos gestū t̄ semiplene, plenariū soreciat̄ effēm, vōb̄ mandam̄ in virtute s̄cē obedie firmī injungentes, q̄at̄ p̄dēm f̄rem Hen̄, quē tenore p̄senciū ab ūi admīst̄cōe tem-paliū certis ex cāis absolvim̄, a p̄dēa cuñ celerañ amoventes, iñm de tem-pali administ̄cōe int̄omit̄e ūllaten̄ p̄mittatis, n̄c cepta ūri p̄orat̄ exire, quousq; aliud a nobis ūueritis in mandatis. Dēm vero f̄rem W[illelmum] de Shyre in officio celerañ loco suo substituatis. F̄rem Joñm de Gothām, vel aliū ūri collegii ad hoc ydoneū p̄ gerenda cura rež infā limites p̄oratus existenciū p̄fato Wiñ adjūgentes, ut vices gerat receptoris, et de consilio ejusd̄ f̄ris W[illelmi] ad utilitatē ūre ec̄cē admīstret. Sic' vos ūntes in p̄missē ut ūito de negligēia redargui minime valeatis. Dañ āp̄d M̄jewell, ij noñ Feb̄, anno Domini miñho CCC^{mo} Octavo. Con̄s nīre, q̄rto.

¹ The succeeding entry in the Register is dated 1st March, 1308-9, and is written with the same ink.

XVI.

ORDER FOR BANISHMENT AND IMPRISONMENT OF HENRY DE PECHAM, LATE CELLARER: 12TH MARCH, 1309.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 103 v.)

Littera pro fratre H. de Pecham, canonico de Tanruggie. Frater H[enricus] t[unc], dil[igent]is fit . . Priori t[unc] convent' de Novo loco, saltm, t[unc]. Quia f[rat]rem H[enricum] de Pecham, canonicum de Tanrugg' certis, t[unc] legitimis ex ca[usa]is, honor[is] religi[os]is, t[unc] sue a[et]e salut[is] contingentib[us] a domo sua pdca, duxim' emittend[us] vos firmi[us] injungendo m[an]ad[us], q[ua]tin[us] v[er]is p[ro]suntib[us], ipm ad temp[us], apud vos, sumptib[us] p[ro]iorat[us] de Tanrugg' pdci moraturu, benigni[us] admittatis, ita, q[ua] in certa ca[usa] e[st] n[on]ce[re]is vite t[em]pi moram t[em]phat n[on] s[ed] certum locum exire licet aut e[st] secularib[us] here t[em]p[or]at[us], nisi de p[ro]ioris aut supp[er]ioris licencia spali, t[unc] p[ro] visum duo[rum] conf[er]rum v[er]o etatis mature t[unc] c[on]s[ec]ratis honeste, quos auctoritate nra ipi[us] custodie continue deputetis. P[ro]missa vice nra, eff[er]ualiter exequentes, quousq[ue] ad a nob[is] s[er]u hiis h[ab]itatis in mand[us]. Dat ap[osto]l Essher, iij Id M[ar]cii, anno D[omi]ni miltio CCC^{mo} Octavo.

XVII.

ORDERS TO PRIORY OF NEWARK AS TO TREATMENT OF PRISONER: 23RD MARCH, 1309.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 105 v.)

Pecham. Frater Henricus t[unc], dil[igent]is . . Priori et conventui de Novo loco, saltm, g[ra]m et b[ea]t. Cum nos nup visita[re]is nre officiu jure dioeces in p[ro]oratu de Tanruggie nre dioec excentes, Frat[er] Henrico de Pecham ejusdem p[ro]orat[us] canonicu, suis demitis id poscentibus p[ro] a[et]e ipius salute, penitenciam injunxit[us] infras[ec]ptam, usq[ue] ad nre voluntatis b[ea]t[er] placit[us] apud vos pagendam, videt[ur] q[ue] in secreta, t[unc] separata ca[usa], solus absq[ue] socio sub custodia duo[rum] c[on]cilio[rum] v[er]o, bone opinionis et etatis mature ipm f[rat]rem Henr[icu]m vicissim custodiencium, et claves ipius ca[usa] deferencium, comoretr[us], t[unc] q[ue] idem in qualibet sexta feria, singulis ebdomadibus, in pane cervisia t[unc] potagio t[em]pi, jejunet; aliis vero diebus d[omi]ni apud vos remanserit, pane, cervisia, et potagio e[st] uno fereculo t[em]pi sit contentus, n[on] cepta ca[usa] pdco exeat quoquo modo, nisi ca[usa] inevitabilis t[unc] r[e]nonabit, hoc exposeat, n[on] eccl[esi]a divina infra d[omi]n[um] tempus celebrare quovis modo p[ro]sumat, seu e[st] aliqua psona seculari scorsum, sive religiosa, nisi in p[ro]sencia custodii ipius, seu alterius e[st]d, p[ro] vos ut p[ro]mittit[ur] deputado[rum], colloquiu heat quoquo modo, p[ro] eujus n[on]ceis, s[er]b for[us] q[ua] p[ro]mittit[ur], eid p[ro] vos minist[er]ndis, singulis ebdomadibus, q[ua] diu in[er] vos

morā tāxerit, duodecim denař a . . . Priore tā capitulo de Tanrugg' pādēcis' voř solvendā, duxim' statuendā. Vobis mandamus in virtute scē obedie tā sub peā districōis canōice, firmiř injūgendo, qātin' dēm frēm Henř devote admittentes, eidē canīam, tā custodiā, ac ceřa, uāccia, juxta formā supius exp̄ssam exhibere, fillaten' omittatis. Taliř in p̄missis vos h̄ntes, ne sup inobedientia, fraude, seu negligencia, vos redargūe, quoq̄ modo nos contingat in futūm. Vařt. Dař apud Novū locum, ix kř April, anno Dñi milto CCC^{mo} octavo. Couř h̄re, quarto.

XVIII.

ORDER FOR AMELIORATION OF PUNISHMENT : 27TH MAY, 1309.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 108.)

Littera priori de Novo loco pro fratre Henrico de Pecham directa.
 Saltm, grām tā bñ. Quia intellexim' q̄ fr̄ H[enricus] de Pekhām, apud vos de mandato h̄ro moram tāhens, pñiam s̄i impōitā, cū humilitate sustinuit pacienř, ita q̄ in eo, certa sue emendačōis indicia jā appent, voř manda[m] q̄at' ip̄m, libantes a canīa in q̄a detinet', pmittatis eundē seq̄i Convent in choro, dormitorio, refectorio, ceřisq̄ locis infā clausū, sub certo custode p̄ vos sue custodie deputando, sic q̄ claustrm nō exeat, quousq̄ tā. Vařt. Dař apud Alt Cleř, vj kř Junii, anno Dñi miltio CCC^{mo} nono.

XIX.

PERMISSION FOR HIM TO RETURN TO TANRIDGE : 16TH JULY, 1309.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 112.)

Pecham. Frař H[enricus] tā, dilčis filiis . . . Priori tā Conventui de Novo loco h̄re dioč, saltm, grām tā bñ. Cum pñia, nedū, sčdm q̄antitatē excessus, s̄i eciā sčdm penitentis contricōm, juxa p̄sidentis arbitrium, pvide sit moderandā, tā si necesse fūit penitus relaxandā, ac nos p̄ tras h̄ras intelleximus, quod Frater Henř de Pecham, canōicus de Tanrugge, quē vobis alias tānsmisimus, pñiam s̄i certis decāis, p̄ nos impōitam, sub certa forā inř vos pacturus, pacienř, tā cū ōi humilitate et contricōe magna, in eadem pagenda, se gessit, ita q̄ certū sue emendačōis indicium penes vos ořs appet manifeste. Nos igit̄ devocōe p̄fati fr̄is Henrici, sic ut p̄mittit' penitentis, tā laudabile testimonio, quod de ipsius vita phibetis, consideratis' volentes pñiam per nos eidē impōitam, ex cāis p̄missis relaxare' voř mandam' q̄atinus, ip̄m cū suo p̄ore, ad moř de Tanrugg' tā locū pp̄ū redire libe pmittatis. Cui ad dēm moř redeundā libam in

Dño tenore p̄seneç concedim⁹ facultatē. Scientes insup q̄ n̄re occurrit bñ memorie, q̄alit̄ p̄ suis necessariis, q̄amdiu inf̄ vos morā fe&it, vo& sinḡlis ebdomadab̄, duodeci deñ a suo p̄iore de Tanrugg' solvend̄, duxim⁹ ordinare, sup cuj⁹ pecūie solucōe, vo& celeri& faciend̄ . . Priori suo memorato, l̄ras n̄ras monatorias, destinavim⁹. Dañ apud Essher', xvij kt Augusti, anno Dñi M°CCCmo nono.

XX.

ORDER FOR PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES OF PRISONER: 16TH JULY,
1309.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 112.)

Littera . . Priori et conventui Novi loci pro fratre Henrico de Pecham directa. F̄r H[enricus] t̄c, dil̄cis filiis . . Priori t̄ conventui de Tanrugg', sal̄m, gr̄am [t̄ bñ]. Cū nos alias f̄rem H[enricum] de Pecham, cōcanonicū v̄m, cui suis dem̄itis id poscentib̄ in ult̄ra visitaçōe n̄ra, quā nup inf̄ vos c̄lēuim⁹, pñiam injūxim⁹ salutarē, . . Priori t̄ conventui de Novo loco n̄re dioç, p̄ hi⁹ pñia sub certa for⁹ inf̄ eos pagenda, duxim⁹ destinare, p̄ suis necessariis ministandis eid̄, sinḡlis ebdomadab̄ a vo& duodeci dena& solvend̄ q̄amdiu inf̄ eosd̄ morā fe&it, eisdem statuentes. Et nos ad instanciā . . prioris t̄ conventus Novi loci de iþius cōtricōe t̄ devocōe animi, in eadem penitentia pagenda, laudibile testi- moniū phibenciu, penitenciā cið imp̄oitam, jā duxim⁹ relaxare? vobis mandā⁹ t̄ districte monem⁹ in Dño, q̄at⁹ d̄cm f̄rem Henr̄, inf̄ vos benigne admittentes, habita computaçōe solerti sup iþius mora inf̄ canōicos monasterii Novi loci, juxta p̄taetam taxacōm n̄ram celeri& p̄ iþius f̄ris H[enrici] n̄acciis satisfaciatis eisd̄, ita q̄ p̄textu hi⁹ iþos de vo& imposteñ nob̄ conquer' non contingat, t̄ iþm sicut f̄rem claust̄alem, tractetis, ita q̄d de v̄ris int̄nsecis v̄l ext̄nsecis negociis ut bal̄s v̄l obedienciariu n̄llaten⁹ se int̄mittat, quousq; de iþius gestu laudabili inf̄ vos in monas̄io v̄ro recepim⁹ fidem pleniorē. Dañ ap̄d Essher', xvij kt Augusti, anno Dñi mil̄io CCCmo nono.

XXI.

LETTERS OF REQUEST TO THE PRIOR OF NEWARK TO PERMIT
THOMAS DE ST. ALBAN, ONE OF HIS CANONS, TO LEAVE THE
PRIORY, IN ORDER TO BECOME PRIOR OF TANRUGGE.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 108 v.)

Littera priori de Novo loco pro fratre Thoma de Sancto Albano directa. F̄r H[enricus] t̄c, dil̄co fili . . Priori de Novo loco n̄re dioç,

salīm, ḡram t̄ bñ. Quia f̄rem Thomā de S̄co Albano cōceanōieū v̄m in p̄orē monasterii de Tanrugg' n̄re dioē, put nōb incūbit ista vice, licet invitū p̄ficere intendim⁹, quod absq; lieencia v̄ra sp̄ali faēe volūtatis n̄re non existit, cū n̄c īpē absq; vōb in hoc licite valeat cōsentir⁹, vos attente requirim⁹ t̄ rogam⁹, q̄at⁹ d̄cm Thomā, ab obedīa t̄ subjecēōe, qua, domui v̄re est astrietus absolventes, eid̄ hi⁹ p̄fixioni n̄re consenciendi, t̄ ad d̄cm Moñ de Tanrugg' t̄ anseundi, licencīā p̄ v̄r̄as patentes tras conēdere velitis sp̄alem. Valt. Dañ t̄c.

XXII.

LICENCE FOR THE TRANSFER, &c.

(Winchester Dioeesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 109 v.)

Littera directa fratri Thome de Sancto Albano. Frat⁹ H[enricus] t̄c, dilēo filio f̄ri Th̄e de S̄co Albano, salīm, ḡram t̄ bñ. Cum constet nōb p̄orē tuū Moñ de Novo loco, de consensu conventus ejusdem, ab ūi subjecēōe et obedīencia quibus moñ p̄dēo astrietus extiſas, in forā juris te absolvisse, t̄ ad Moñ de Tanrugg' n̄re dioē t̄ anseundi, licenciam p̄ suas tras patentes concessisse sp̄alem, ac nos te in p̄orem Moñ de Tanrugg' p̄dēi put nōb ista vice ineūbit p̄fīde deerev̄im⁹, dñō eōcedente. Tibi mandamus, q̄at⁹ hac instanti die Martis mane āp̄d Essher' ad nos dirigas ḡssus tuos, factur⁹ et recept⁹ in p̄missis, quod ordo postulat rōis. Vat. Dat t̄c.¹

XXIII.

APPOINTMENT OF COADJUTOR FOR TEMPORAL AFFAIRS:
22ND NOVEMBER, 1312.(Winchester Dioeesan Register, *Wodelok*, fol. 175.)

Tanrugge. Frater H[enricus] t̄c, dilēis filiis . . Prior t̄ conventui de Tanrugg', n̄re dioē, salutē t̄c. Cum nup p̄ discretos viros Maḡm Laurenciū de Glouceſt̄, monachū, sacre pagine p̄fessorem, t̄ . . Offīe n̄rm, p̄oratū v̄rum tam in capite q̄am in memb̄, mandāimus visitari: Iidemq; visitaōis officiū, debite exēentes, invenissent p̄oratū p̄dēm, p̄ similitatē t̄ negligēciam Prioris qui de dilapidaōe ex ētis cāis suspectus h̄ebātur in tantū collapsum q̄d vix adiē pos̄it ut resurgat dñm Carolū, Rectorē ecclie de Colesdoñ, virū utiq; p̄vidū t̄ discretū, eidem . . Priori coadjutorē, vōb p̄sentibus, t̄ hoc instan⁹ postulantib⁹

¹ Placed between entries of 14th and 15th June, 1308.

deputarunt, sine cuius consilio τ assensu nich \bar{e} co \bar{z} fac \bar{e} t que ad administ \bar{a} c \bar{e} em ptinent temporal \bar{e} ordinantes q \bar{d} idem . . . Prior in refectorio cum frat \bar{b} us cotidie co \bar{m} edat τ in dormitorio de nocte jaceat τ in sp \bar{u} alibus d \bar{u} taxat eisdem diligen \bar{t} intendat q \bar{d} q \bar{b} frat \bar{b} Jo \bar{n} es de Pende c \bar{o} can \bar{o} ic \bar{e} vester vices gerat celerarii o \bar{a} agens de consilio et assensu d \bar{n} i Caroli sup \bar{a} d \bar{c} i: Proviso q \bar{d} sigill \bar{u} v \bar{r} m c \bar{o} e s \bar{b} t \bar{b} us clavibus custodiret τ fidei τ , qua \bar{z} una penes p \bar{o} rem al \bar{a} penes rectorem, p \bar{c} ia penes supp \bar{o} rem inf \bar{m} rema \bar{f} et. Nos igitur q \bar{d} in hac pte a β fatis co \bar{m} issa \bar{r} n \bar{r} is p \bar{v} ide f \bar{c} m est rat \bar{u} τ g \bar{a} tum h \bar{m} tes. Vob \bar{s} in v \bar{t} tute obediencie firmi \bar{t} inj \bar{u} gendo mandam \bar{r} , q \bar{a} tin \bar{r} ea que p i \bar{p} os ibid ordinata s \bar{u} t inviolabili \bar{r} observantes, o \bar{m} ia que β fatus d \bar{n} s Carolus, in hiis que ad ministr \bar{a} c \bar{e} em respici \bar{u} temporal \bar{e} p \bar{v} ra utilitate rite du \bar{x} it, ordinand \bar{r} , studeatis efficaci \bar{r} adimplere quoadusq \bar{u} du \bar{x} im \bar{r} ali \bar{r} providend \bar{r} : nolum \bar{r} tamen q \bar{d} i \bar{p} e \bar{v} l vos, sine n \bar{r} o b \bar{n} ptito τ assensu ad aliquas aliena \bar{c} oes faciendas inf \bar{m} pcedatis. Volum \bar{r} τ τ mandam \bar{r} q \bar{d} d \bar{n} us Prior cui usum cu \bar{j} cumq \bar{u} sigilli ad mutu \bar{u} contaliend \bar{u} inf \bar{d} icim \bar{r} , uno solo s \bar{v} iente sit contentus. Presentes aut \bar{e} l \bar{r} as penes d \bar{c} m d \bar{n} m Carol \bar{u} volum \bar{r} rema \bar{f} e. Dat apud Suthwerk', x k \bar{t} n Decemb \bar{r} , anno D \bar{n} i m \bar{l} ltimo CCC^{mo} duodecimo. Con \bar{s} n \bar{r} e, octavo.

XXIV.

PROCLAMATION OF ELECTION OF JOHN HANSARD TO BE PRIOR: 17TH MARCH, 1324.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 3.)

Jo \bar{n} es \bar{t} c, dil \bar{c} o filio . . offici \bar{r} archi Sur \bar{r} , saltm gr \bar{a} m τ b \bar{n} . Vacante nup p \bar{o} ratu de Tanrigg' n \bar{r} e dio \bar{c} p morte Hen \bar{r} de Pech \bar{a} m ultimi prioris ejusdem. . . Supp \bar{o} ir τ ejusdem loci c \bar{o} canonici, F \bar{r} em Jo \bar{n} m Hansard d \bar{c} e dom \bar{r} concan \bar{o} u in p \bar{o} rem d \bar{c} e ecclie de Tanrigg'; licencia eligendi a d \bar{c} i p \bar{o} ratu patrono, petita p \bar{m} it \bar{r} τ optenta, concordi \bar{r} τ can \bar{o} e, ut ass \bar{t} ir, elegi \bar{t} unt. Cum g \bar{i} ad exa \bar{n} ac \bar{o} nom negocii c \bar{e} c \bar{o} is memorato q \bar{u} nto die juridico post instans fm Annuc' bte M \bar{e} in ecclia conv \bar{e} li de Suthe- werk n \bar{r} e dio \bar{c} , favente D \bar{n} o, pced \bar{r} e intendam \bar{r} τ ul \bar{t} ius quod n \bar{r} o incumbit officio pag \bar{r} e in hac pte. Vobis firmi \bar{r} inj \bar{u} gendo mandam \bar{r} q \bar{a} ti citet \bar{r} seu citar' fac' pemptor \bar{r} oppo \bar{t} orem \bar{v} l oppo \bar{t} ores si qui sint no \bar{n} ati in sp \bar{e} , ac & o \bar{m} s alios in gen \bar{e} , in ecclia d \bar{c} i p \bar{o} rat \bar{r} qui se voluerint oppo \bar{t} e cont \bar{a} d \bar{c} i electi psona \bar{r} seu c \bar{e} c \bar{o} is form \bar{a} β d \bar{c} e, i \bar{p} am e \bar{t} c \bar{o} m palam τ pu \bar{e} denu- ciando, q \bar{d} c \bar{o} peant co \bar{z} nob \bar{s} \bar{v} l . . co \bar{m} issa \bar{r} nost \bar{r} die τ loco β dis, p \bar{c} ise τ pemptor \bar{r} , pp \bar{o} it \bar{r} τ ostensur', quicq \bar{d} p \bar{p} o \bar{t} e \bar{v} l obi \bar{c} e vol \bar{t} int cont \bar{a} electi psonam ut β d \bar{c} it \bar{r} \bar{v} l c \bar{e} c \bar{o} is form \bar{a} , si sibi viderint expedire factur'q \bar{u}

ul̄ius in d̄o nēo cum c̄tinuāōne et progāōne diez s̄bsequenciū, quod canōe dictaverint sanctōnes. De die recep̄ t̄c̄. Dat' āp̄d Sutherwerk̄, xvij^{mo} k̄l̄n April, anno Dñi M^oCCC^{mo}xxiiij^{to}. (*sic* pro xxiiij^o.)

XXV.

PROCESS OF THE ELECTION; MANDATE FOR INDUCTION; AND
MONITION OF OBEDIENCE: 31ST MARCH, 1324.(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 3.)*Process of the Election.*

Acta eō nob̄ Joh̄ne, pmissione dñi Wyntōn ep̄s, in ecclia con^{li} de Suthewerk̄ nr̄e diōc̄, dic Ven̄is p̄x p̄ fm An̄e be M^e anno Dñi Mittio CCC^{mo}xxiiij^{to} in nēo ēccōis de fr̄e Joh̄ne Hansard cōcano^{co} p̄ora^f de Tanrigg' nr̄e diōc̄, p̄ p̄centorē t̄ cōcano^{cos} ejusdem dom^o in p̄orem d̄c̄ dom^o nūc vacant̄, nup̄ celebrate, electo. Lecta trā t̄fificat̄ offic̄ dñi archi Sur̄ p̄ quam constabat opp̄itores quoscūq; q̄i c̄a d̄c̄m et̄em seu ēccōis formā de eo f̄cam se oppōne aut dīc̄ volūint, ad d̄c̄os diem t̄ locū coram nob̄ v̄l com̄iss' nost̄i p̄emptō fuisse vocat̄, p̄cise t̄ p̄etō quicq̄d dīc̄, ppōne aut obic̄ voluerint cont̄a d̄c̄m et̄em seu ēccōis formā cum effectu pp̄ōitur' t̄ ostensur', ul̄i^o q̄ factur' t̄ receptur' eū c̄tinuāōe t̄ progāōne diez sequenciū quod canōe dictāint sanctōnes. Prec̄etor^h t̄ cōcanonic̄ de Tanrigg' p̄d̄ci, p̄ frem Joh̄m de Pende d̄c̄ dom^o cōcano^{cu}, ad p̄sequend̄ d̄c̄ ēccōis nēḡm per eosd̄ p̄eū tie c̄stitutū ac d̄c̄ ēco p̄so^t? compen^bz, ac exhibitis p̄ eund̄ p̄eū p̄curatorio suo, decreto ēccōis p̄ eos celebrate t̄ p̄tate quadā cōpmissa^r facta de eligendo eis p̄orem d̄c̄ dom^o, n̄non quadā trā a pat̄o d̄c̄ dom^o de licencia eligendi ab eo petita t̄ optēta; factaq; pu^ca p̄clama^{cō}e ad hostiū ecclie con^{li} p̄d̄ce q̄d siq̄i essent q̄ cont̄a d̄c̄m et̄em seu ēccōis formā de eodem Joh̄ne f̄cam quicq̄a dīc̄ aut ppōne voluerint, q̄d eō nob̄ tunc cōperent pp̄ōitur' q̄icq̄d ppōne volūint in hac pte īpisq; sepi^r p̄conizatis t̄ diuci^r exsp̄tatis, n̄lloq; cōpente nec aliq̄d c̄a d̄c̄os et̄em t̄ ēccōis formā dicente v̄l ppōte, n̄llis eciam instructoribus in hac pte p̄ductis, nec aliq̄s p̄du^ce volent̄ se nichil in d̄c̄ nēo dīc̄ v̄l ppōne q̄ovism^o, factaq; publica^{ne} decreti t̄ exhibitō p̄d̄cōz de c̄sensu et̄ei t̄ p̄eū p̄fa^r? p̄figim^r d̄c̄is p̄eū t̄ et̄co diem Sab̄ti p̄x tunc seq̄n loco q̄o p̄ius ad faci^d ul̄ius in d̄c̄ ēccōis nēo eō nob̄, quod justicia suadebit. Quib̄ die t̄ loco, d̄c̄is p̄eū t̄ et̄co ut p̄ius compen^tb^z, p̄conizatis eciā opp̄itorib̄ h̄i^r q̄d ppōnent c̄a d̄c̄os et̄em t̄ ēccōis formā quicq̄d dīc̄ aut ppōne voluerint, n̄lloq; licet lie p̄conizato t̄ diuci^r exp̄tato quovism^o cōpente, p̄clusaq; via d̄c̄is opp̄itorib̄ t̄ ōmib̄ aliis viam quicq̄a ul̄i^o in hac p̄te p̄ponēdi p̄ decretū, d̄c̄oq; decreto ēccōis, p̄pl̄ īpīus ineptitudinē t̄ n̄llitatē in eodem content̄, m̄ltiplici^r

ipugnato, tandem idem electus et per curia consilium constituti, dico electi de ipso electo facte et omni iuri ratione ejusdem ipsius electi competenti vel competituro, ac processu coram nobis hinc, pure simpliciter et absolute resignarunt ordinacionis et gratiarum nostrarum in hac parte totaliter submittentes. Et quia nobis constat dictam electionem et electi formam multipliciter fuisse et esse nullam et omnino invalidam. Propteritatem eidem ecclesie de propiore prvidendi nobis rite et nomine fuisse et esse vice pleno jure devolutam. Propteritiam in hiis scriptis protestantes expressisse eidem ecclesie de propiore prvidente, put ad nos pertinet vice pleno jure, presumimus quod electio et per curia die Luna proxima secundum loco quo prius ad faciendum et recipiendum in eodem negotio quod justicia suadebit. Postmodum vero die Luna adeste loco quo prius per tribunali sedentes, dictum fratrem Joachim Hansard in propiore dictae ecclesie prfecimus sub hac forma. IN DEI NOME, AMEN. Nos Johannes, pmissione domini Wyneton episcopi, cum ad nos prvidendi propositi de Tanrigg nomine Wyneton dioecesis de propiore sit canonice haec vice devoluta pertinet, Nos volentes quatenus cum Deo possumus prvidente ipsius propositi de te fratrem Joachim Hansard, ipsius ecclesie concionario, in observancia regulari expressisse professo et in sachello constituto, prvidemus et te in propiore ecclesie de Tanrigg memorare, admis- tationem tamen in spiritualibus quas in tempore beatissimi comitentes.

Mandate of Induction.

Johnnes pmissione domini Wyneton Episcopi, dilecto filio. Officium archi Sutri, saltem gratiam et bene. Quia nos fratrem Joachim Hansard ecclesie de Tanrigg nomine dioecesis canonico, in observancia regulari professum et in ordinem sachelorum constitutum, ipsius ecclesie prvidendi propositi etis de causis et legibus ad nos haec vice pertinente devoluta profecimus in propiore. vos committimus et mandamus quatinus eundem fratrem Joachim Hansard in corpore possumus duci propositum, iurium et patinencia sua, inducatis et defendatis inductum. Contadatores vero et rebelles, si qui fuerint, in hac parte per censuram ecclesiasticam compescendo. Dat apud Suthewerke, iiiij^{to} non April, anno Domini M^oCCC^{mo}xxiiij^{to}.

Monition of Obedience.

Johnnes, pmissione domini Wyneton episcopi, dilectis filiis. Precentori et canonico de Tanrigg nomine dioecesis, saltem gratiam et bene. Quia nos fratrem Joachim Hansard, ecclesie vero de Tanrigg proprie, in observancia regulari professum et in ordinem sachelorum constitutum, ipsius ecclesie jure nobis prvidendi de propiore duci loci hac vice pertinente devoluta, canonico profecimus in propiore. vos injungimus et mandamus quatinus eidem fratre Johanni tanquam priori vero sitis in omnibus intendentes pariter et obedientes, per ordinem vero regulam docet, exigit ac requiritur. Scientes quod sicutas quas rite tulerit in rebelles, ratas habemus et faciemus auctore domino inviolabilitatem observari. Dat apud Suthewerke, iiiij^{to} non April, anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo}xxiiij^{to}. Et consensu nostro, primo.

XXVI.

COMMISSION OF COADJUTOR TO PRIOR: 31ST MAY, 1380.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Stratford*, fol. 51.)

Jōhs t̄c, dīt̄co filio dñō Laū de Rustyngtōn, sal̄tm, grām t̄ b̄n.
 Priore t̄ fr̄ib̄z domus de Tanrigg' n̄re diōc p̄ nos nup, modo debito
 visitatis, &tis t̄ leḡis de cāis adm̄istracōm bonōz d̄cē dom̄ p̄ori inf̄dixim̄
 memorato, don̄e aliud de statu suo dūxim̄ ordinand̄. Te igit̄ de euj̄
 fidelitate t̄ industria fiduciam reportam̄, coadjutorem d̄cō p̄ori inf̄im̄
 deputam̄. Nolentes q̄d sine consilio t̄ assensu tuo, p̄or seu q̄vis alias
 de bonis d̄cē dom̄ aliquat̄ int̄mittat, custodiamq; t̄ adm̄itracōm bonōz
 d̄cē dom̄ tibi tanq;̄m coadjutori leḡo, donec aliud ordinavim̄, cōmittim̄
 p̄ p̄sentes. In eujus t̄c. Dāt apud Essh?e, ij^o k̄t̄n [Junii], anno
 Dñi mil̄io, CCC^{mo} t̄cesimo. Et cons̄ n̄re, vij^o.

Eisdem die, loco t̄ anno sc̄ipt̄ fuit p̄ori p̄dēo q̄d intend̄et eidem Laū
 tanq;̄m coadjutori suo leḡo ī hac pte.

XXVII.

INQUISITION *ad quod damnum*, FOR GIFT BY HENRY ATT DONNE
 TO THE PRIORY OF 5 ACRES AT OKSTED.

(British Museum, Add. MS. 6167 [Symm's Collections], p. 415.)

Juratores dicunt q̄d licet Escaetor dñi Regis in Comitatu Surr̄ p̄
 quandam Inquisicōem coram ipso ex officio suo captam invenerit q̄d
 Prior de Tanrugge appropriavit sibi t̄ domui sue quinq; acras terre cum
 pt̄n in Okstede ex donacōne t̄ concessione Hen̄ att Donne de War-
 lyngham f̄cis domui p̄dēe tempore dñi Regis pris dñi Regis nunc, post
 publicacōem Statuti de terris t̄ teñtis ad manū mortuam non ponend̄
 editi, licencia īp̄ius dñi Regis sup̄ hoc non obtenta. Dicunt tamen q̄d
 idem Prior de p̄dēis quinq; acris terre, tanquam de pcella d̄cē carucate
 a tempore donationis t̄ assignacōis earundem seistus fuit quousq; p̄dēus
 Escaetor p̄deas quinq; acras terre p̄ virtutem Inquisicōnis p̄dēe cepit
 in manū dñi Regis. In eujus rei testimon̄ t̄c.

XXVIII.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION OF THE PRIORY WHEN JOHN HANSARD RE-
 SIGNED AND PHILIP DE WOKYNGHAM WAS APPOINTED PRIOR:
 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1385.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 26 v.)M̄d. q̄d iiiij^{ta} die mensis Septēbr̄, anno Dñi, mil̄io, CCC^{mo} xxxv^{to}.

Veñ p̄r dñs A[dam] Dī ḡra Wyntoñ ēpus in domo eāplari Priorat⁹ de Tanrugge, ord̄is S̄ci Augusti, sue diōc, psonali⁹ constitut⁹, īpm prioratū in capite t̄ in mēbr̄ ex sui officii debito cano^{ce} visitav^t, t̄ s̄bsequen^p ibidē de exp̄ssa ēssu f̄ris Jōhis Hansard, tūc ej^{dē} p̄orat⁹ prioris, qui p̄p sui corporis debilitatē t̄ sue insufficiēciā psone, coram eodem p̄e ejusdē p̄orat⁹ regimini pure t̄ sponte cessit⁹ celo^zq, oñm t̄ singlo^z cano^{co}z d̄ci p̄orat⁹ jux^a eff̄m cessionis hi⁹ p īpm p̄em admissē t̄ canōnīce acceptat⁹ de fr̄e P̄ho de Wokyngh^am in monastio de Novo [Loco] eo^zdē ordinis et diōc canōnīco exp̄sse pfesso t̄ in ordine sādotali c̄stituto, viro utiq^z p̄vido t̄ discreto, t̄ in s̄pualib^z t̄ tepalib^z p̄limū c̄cūspecto, de ēssu t̄ licencia p̄oris sui de Novo Loco tūc ibidē p̄sent⁹ d̄cō prioratū de Tanrugge t̄ fr̄ib^z inibi Deo s̄vientib^z, p̄vidit, t̄ īpm ejusdē p̄orat⁹ t̄ f̄rm p̄dco^z in p̄orē p̄fecit t̄ pastorē sub hac forma. IN DEI NOMĒ, AMĒ. Nos Adā p̄missione divina Wyntoñ Ēpus, admissa cessione religiosi viri fr̄is Jōhis Hansard nup .. p̄oris de Tanrugge ord̄is S̄ci Augusti n̄re diōc in manib^z n̄ris sponte f̄ca, t̄ potestate ad p̄vidend eidem domui de psona ydonea in p̄orē t̄ pastorē ejusdē ab eodē Jōhe t̄ oñib^z aliis t̄ singlis fr̄ib^z ejusdē p̄orat⁹ noñ exp̄sse concessa⁹. X̄pi n̄oñe invocato reliq̄ virū f̄rem P̄hm de Wokyngh^am in mo^ast̄io de Newerk^c d̄ci ord̄is exp̄sse pfessum t̄ in ord̄e sādotali c̄stiū virū pvidū t̄ discretū, ac in s̄pualib^z t̄ temporalib^z c̄cūspectū, d̄cē domui de Tanrugge t̄ cano^{cis} inibi Deo s̄vientib^z in p̄orē p̄ficimus t̄ pastorē. Act̄ sunt h̄, anno, die t̄ loco p̄d̄cis. P̄sentib^z Māgris J[ohanne] Lowe, juris civi^z p̄fessor⁹ t̄ Hen̄ de Lond^r r^e ecc^e de Withiham^e, Ci^c diōc; ac Wilto de Alresford⁹ t̄ J[ohanne] de Beaute, apt̄ica auc^ate no^ariis publicis test̄, t̄c.

XXIX.

COMMISSION TO CITE PRIOR PHILIP FOR NON-RESIDENCE:
17TH JANUARY, 1341.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108.)

Adā, t̄c. Māgro A[de] de Wambergh' .. offici n̄ri cōmissari⁹ genali, sal̄m, g^a t̄ bñ. Licet p̄lati ad regend ecc^{as} dī poscit gregē dñicū pas̄e t̄ a lupi rapacis invasionib^z p̄teg^ze, juraq^z t̄ facultates ecclie illesa s̄vare, cū oñi vigilantia teneat^r. Fr̄ tū P̄hs p̄or ecc^e conven^z de Tanrugge' n̄re diōc put ex dilco^z fit cano^{co}z ejusdē ecc^e g^avi q̄rela recipim⁹, minis^ztiū s̄i in eadē creditū p̄inpendēs, eccliam et gregē sibi cōmiss⁹ curāq^z t̄ regimē utlusq^z pp̄la temi^{te} p n̄omodica tēpa deſuit t̄ absq^z licencia debita, seu cā rōnabli vel honesta, ab ecclia p̄d̄ca se fraudulēnt⁹ absentavit t̄ in locis incognitis demorat^r hucusq^z. Ne igit^r discipline t̄ recti regimēs gub̄nacō in dēa ecc^e

derelicto, naufraget, qd absit, ibidem religio, ipaq^h ecclia paciat^r aliquā in suis facultatib^z lesionē, hīⁱ piclis remediis oportunis q^antū cū dō possum⁹ duxim⁹ occrend. Q^a obrē vobis in vⁱtute obedie fⁱni^r injūgēdo mādam⁹ q^at f^rēm P^hm p^orē p^dc^m in locis ubi vīsimilius credit^r inveniri diligen^r, querētes, i^pm si psonali^r invenire potitis in ppⁱa psona, alioquin in ec^a p^dc^a corā p^ceu^r suo si quē dimiserit, ac notis familiarib^z t amicis suis, tne cita^conis ac monicōis ed^co pub^c p^pōito citet^r eūdē, ac & moneat^r t efficacit^r inducatis eundē qd, s^b pe^a juris ad ec^a t curā suā p^dict^r, inf^a temp⁹ a canōib^z limitatū, redeat, ac & cⁱca easdē regend^r diligen^r intendat. De dic v^o recep^{nis} p^s^m, cita^conū ac monicōnum v^rā^r, modo t forma ea^r t an d^cus hīⁱ monicōi pere neglexit, nos post lapsum d^ci tēpis tif p l^ras v^ras paten^r ha^r sⁱē continētes. Da^r a^pd Essh^ce, xvij die mens Janua^r, anno D^rni M^oCCC^mxl, t t^anstonis u^re, octavo.

XXX.

CITATION OF SAME "BY WAYS AND MEANS:" 28TH JULY, 1341.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108.)

Adam, t^c. Ma^rgro Ade t^c. ut s^a salim, g^ram t bⁿ. Cū nup audita q^rela g^avi relig^r viro^r ac dilcōz filio^r cano^cz ec^a conven^l de Tanrugge nre dio^r, qd f^r P^hs d^ce ecclie p^or ministrū s^l in eadē creditū pⁱnpendēs, eccliam t gregē sⁱ coīss curāq^h t regimē utⁱusq^h ppⁱa tem^lit^r de^suit, t absq^h licencia debita seu cā rōna^rli v^l honesta ab ecclia p^dc^a se fraudulen^r absentav^t t in locis incognitis p tempa nōmodica morabat^r, t ne discipline t recti regimis gub^rnac^ro in d^ca ecclia derelicto naufragere^r, quod absit, ibidē religio ipaq^h ec^a pafet^r aliquā in suis facultab^z lesionē, vo^r a^t dederim⁹ in mandatis q^at^r f^rēm P^hm p^orē p^dc^m in locis ubi vīsimili⁹ cred^retur inveniri diligen^r q^reretis, t i^pm, si personalit^r invenire potuissetis, in ppⁱa psona, alioq^h in ec^a p^dc^a, corā p^ceu^r suo, si quē dimisit, ac notis familiarib^z t amicis suis, tne cita^conis ac monicōis ed^co pub^c p^pōito, citaretis eundē ac & moneretis t efficacit^r inducetis, qd s^b pena juris, ad eccliam t curā suā predict^r inf^a temp⁹ a canōib^z limitatū rediret, ac & cⁱca easdem regend^r diligen^r ut tenetur; et vos d^cm P^hm p^orē anc^ate mandati n^ri p^dcⁱ, diligen^r q^sitū t psonali^r non invētū, in ec^a p^dc^a nullo p^ceu^r i^pius invēto, corā notis familiarib^z t amicis suis, trine cita^{nis} ac monicōis ed^co pub^c p^pōito, citastis monuist^r t efficacit^r induxitis quod s^b pe^a juris ad eccliam t curā p^dict^r inf^a tempus a canonib^z limitatū rediret t cⁱca easdem regend^r intenderet diligen^r, quibus quidem monicōib^z, idē P^hs o^o pere neglexit, put p ^ras v^ras

Etificatoꝝ sup hoc noꝝ directas liꝝt evidenꝝ, volentes igitꝝ d e ecc  ind pni  p spic , t  juris ordin  qui in hac pte requirit  obs vare. Vo  f mi  inj gendo m dam , q t d m P m diligent  q rentes, i pm si psonal  inv ire po lit  in pp a psona alioquin i pius p cu em si qu  dimi it, necn  i pm P m in ecc  p d a cor  notis familiarib  t  amicis suis pub  citac nis ed o pp oito, citetis seu citor faciat  p mptor  q d c peat cor  noꝝ v l n o co missa  in ecc  n ra Cat  Wyn . vij die juridico post f m exalta nis S e Crucis, c m si quam h eat d cus P s r onabile, q re ad ejus p vac oem t  amoc oem ab ecclia p d a minime p cedi debeat pp oitur , ul ius q z f c ur  t  receptur  juxta cano s sanc o es, quod na ra t  q lit  hi  negocii exigit t  requirit, t  ecia  s niam diffinit am p vac oem t  amoc oem sue ab ecclia si n  can ic  q d obstar  p fit audit . Et de die recep nis p sentium ac cita nis v r  modo q  t  for  ejusd , nos v l d m n r  co missa  d cis die t  loco  t if  p l. v ras pa z s iem contin tes. Da t ap d Farnh m, xxvij die mense Julij, anno D ni Mi to CCC o xl p mo, t  t tonis n r , viij .

XXXI.

COMMISSION FOR DEPRIVATION FOR NON-RESIDENCE:
22ND SEPTEMBER, 1341.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108 v.)

Adam, t c, discreto viro . . offic  n r , salt m, g ram t  b . Cum nup f r P s p lor ecclie conven  de Tanrugg  n r  dio , minist i sibi in ead  credit  p npend s, eccliam t  greg  sibi co miss cur  t  regim  ut i usq  pp a tem itate p  n modica t p a notorie de uisset, t  absq  licencia debita seu c  r onab li v l honesta, ab ecclia p d a se fraudulen  absentasset t  in locis incognitis morat  fuisse, nos ind pni  d e ecclie p spic  ac hi  p ctis obviare cupi tes, i pm f rem P m auct te diligen  ubi v simili  credebat  in veiro q sit  t  n o in v t  in ecc  p d a, xxij die mens Januarii, t  s bsequ t , viij die mens M rcii, t  postea penult  die mens Junii p x p terit  nullo p c re i pius invento cor  notis familiarib  t  amicis suis t ne citac nis ac monic nis ed o pub  pp oito fecissem  citari mon  t  efficac  induci, q d s b pena juris ad eccliam t  cur  su  p dict  inf  tempus a canonibus limitat  rediiss , t  c ca easd  regend  dilig t intendisset, t  p fatis P s p lor hi  monic i p re neglexisset hucusq , ad cognoscend  t  p c d  in ne o p d o jux  ejus q lit t  t  nat am, t  i pm Philipp  a d cis p oratu t  ecc  privand  t  amovend  t  ul ius faciend  in toto ne o anted co, quod jure fuit t  r onis, vo  co mittim , vices n ras, c u  co hc nis can ice potestate. Da t ap d Walth m, xxij die mens Sept , anno D ni mi to CCC o xlj, t  f n st n r , viij .

XXXII.

SENTENCE OF DEPRIVATION: 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1341.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 108 v.)

IN DEI NOĒ, AMEN. Cum fī P̄hus p̄or eccē convenī de Tanrugge Wyn̄t diōc, minis̄tū sibi in eadē creditū p̄ipendēs, eccliam & gregē sibi com̄iss̄, curāq; & regimē ut̄ insq; pp̄ia tem̄i p̄ nōmodica tēpa deserens, & absq; licencia debita, ab eadē se fraudulen̄ absentās nec valēs psonali p̄invēiri nulloq; p̄cūre p̄ eum dimisso, fuisse auct̄te ven̄abit̄ p̄ris dñi Ade, Dei ḡra Wyn̄t epi, loci diocesani, in ecca p̄d̄ca, ac corā notis familiarib; & amicis suis t̄ne citacōis ac monicōis ed̄co pub̄e pp̄oito, qd̄ s̄b pena juris ad eccam & curā suā predict̄ inf̄a temp̄ a canonib; limitatū rediret, & c̄ea easdem regend̄ diligēnt̄ intenderet, legie citat̄ monit̄ & efficaci inductus. Et q̄r hi⁹ monicōi inf̄a semestr̄ tempus pere neglexit, adhuc postea non valēs psonali p̄invēiri, n̄c aliq; p̄cūre p̄ eum dimisso, citacōis ed̄co corā notis familiarib; & amicis suis ac & in ecca p̄d̄ca pūe pp̄oito, cām rōnabilē si quā h̄eret q̄re ad ejus p̄vacōem & amōcōem ab ecca p̄d̄ca minime p̄cedi deberet, pp̄oitur' factur' & receptur', quod nat̄a & qualitas hi⁹ negocii exiḡet & requireret, & & s̄niam diffinitivā amōcōis & p̄ivationis ab eadem ecca si q̄d canonicū nō obviaret auditur'; auct̄te d̄ci p̄ris, ad c̄tas diē & locū c̄petētes, pemptō & p̄ termino pemptō corā ip̄o v̄l suo comissař leīe citat̄, quib; die & loco, videit, vij die juridico post fīm Exaltačonis S̄cē Crucis in ecca Cath Wyn̄t, d̄co P̄ho coř noř . . offic̄ & comissař d̄ci p̄ris in d̄co neřo s̄pali p̄ deputato p̄ t̄bunali sedētib; lie p̄conizato, s̄s nullo modo cōpente, īpm usq; in p̄xim diē juriđ extūc p̄x sequētē in eodē loco duxim̄ exp̄tand̄, quib; die & loco īpm P̄hm ut p̄us corā nobis p̄ t̄bunali sedētib; legie p̄conizatū & nō competentē, īfū usq; in p̄xim diē juridicū extūc p̄x sequuturū in loco p̄d̄co, ad idē quod p̄dē faciend̄ duxim̄ exp̄tand̄. Quib; die & loco, videit, vj k̄ln Octob̄, anno Dñi M°CCC°xlj°. Nos offic̄ & comissař anted̄cus d̄cm P̄hm adhuc sepius & f̄co p̄conizatū diuci' expectatum coram nobis compere nō curātē, p̄nūciamus contumacē, & in penā h̄i⁹ contumacie, ponderatis p̄missis, īpm P̄hm ab eadem ecca amovem̄, destituim̄ & privamus, amotū destitutū & privatū esse, s̄niali p̄ & diffinitiē p̄nūciam̄ & ab eadē fore, & movend̄, & spoliand̄, & ad eleccōem fut̄i p̄oris in eadē, p̄ eos ad quos hi⁹ electio, p̄tiňe dinoscit̄ p̄cedēt̄ dečvimus in hiis s̄ceptis. Lař p̄ dñm offic̄ Wyntoň in loco cōsistor̄ Wyntoň, vj k̄ln Octob̄, anno Dñi M°CCC.xlj. Indicōe x̄, pon̄ dñi Bñd̄ci p̄pe xij, anno vij. P̄sentib; disc̄ viris, mařris Tha de Enh̄m & Johe de Ware d̄ci c̄sistor̄ advocatis; Mařris Roḡo Bryan & Roḡo Scolys auct̄te ap̄ca nořriis pub̄cis & testib;.

XXXIII.

INQUISITION *post mortem*, OF JOHN DE WARBLYNGTON, WHO DIED ON
13TH FEBRUARY, 1351.

(*Inquis. P. M.*, 25 Edw. III, 1st Nos., No. 54. [Add. MS. 6167,
fol. 416.])

Jurator. * * * dicunt qđ pđcūm manerium de Tanrugge oneratur
ab antiquo Priori de Tanrugg in xx^s viij^d annui reddi^f, solvend^d ad
Festa Pasche t S^c Mi^chiis p equales porcōnes, ut patet p finem in
Curia Dⁿi Regis inde levatū t ostensum. Et dicunt qđ pquisit^f Curie
i^{bm} valent per annū xij^d. Et dicunt qđ pđcūs Jo^hes de Warblyngton,
obiit xij^o die Februarii, t^c. Et dicunt qđ Jo^hes de Warblyngton, filius
p^dc^d Jo^his defuncti, est heres ejusdem proquinquior t etatis sex annorū, t^c.
In euj^o rei testimoⁿ, t^c.

XXXIV.

PROCESS OF ELECTION OF JOHN DE MERSTHAM TO BE PRIOR, THE
MORROW OF ST. MARTIN, 1341.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 109.)

Act^r coram nob^s Jo^he de Wolveleye, venib^t pris dⁿi Ade, Dei grā
Wyntoⁿ E^pi, in ne^go clec^conis de fr^e Jo^he de Mersth^am cano^{co} ecclie
conven^l de Tanrugg^r Wyntoⁿ dio^c in p^ore^r ej^dd^e ecclie jam vacantis
(ut dicit^r) celeb^rate co^missa^r sp^lal^f deputato in ecc^a proch^r de Farnh^am
die Lune in crastino S^c Mi^crtini, anno Dⁿii mi^llo, CCC^mo xlj^o, vide^t cū
constaret nob^s p lit^{as} c^tificator^r ma^gri Ade de Wambergh^r, offic^r Wyntoⁿ,
co^missa^r gⁿat omnes t sing^los si qui f^unt qui d^ce elec^coi seu electo se
oppoⁿe vol^unt ad d^cos di^c t loc^r fuisse citatos quicq^d obi^ce vol^unt in
d^ce elec^conis formā v^l el^ci psonā oppositur^r f^cur^r t receptur^r quod juris
f^unt et r^onis, f^ceaq^r pub^a p^lam^coe si qui se e^a d^ce elec^conis formā v^l
el^ci psonā p^opol^r seu c^a dicere vol^unt in forib^r i^{pi}us ecclie de Farnh^am, t^c
i^{pi}s sepius p^oconizatis t diuci^r expectate, nulloq^r oppositore seu c^ad^core
c^pente, omnibus t sing^lis in gⁿre quicq^am in hac pte p^odi v^l c^adicendi
viā p^lcludim^r p decretū. Exhibit^r q^r decreto d^ce elec^conis t quinq^r aliis
tris s^b sig^l convēt^r, p frēm Ro^bertum Scotenye i^{pi}us ecc^e c^aven^l cano^{cu}
convent^r ejusd^c peu^rem tratorie constitutū, ac p^luctis p eund^e duob^r
instructorib^r p informac^coe pleniori elec^conis pd^ce, vide^t frē Jo^he de
Sontyuge ejusd^c ecc^e cano^{co}, t dⁿo Wi^llo capello ecc^e pro^l de Tanrugg^r
quib^r admissis juratis t exaiat^r p^lfigim^r el^co t pe^r i^{pi}us s^cdm di^c
juridicū post festū S^c Mi^crtini p^dc^d ad c^pend^d co^r d^co p^lre in capella

casti sui de Farnham, ad faciendis et recipiendis super permisso quod juris fuit et rationis. Quibus die et loco, electo et perueniens predictis eorum nobis Adam, missio divina Wynni episcopo, per tribunali sedentibus parvulis et per publicatis, habitis & discussionibus super exhibitis et productis tocius negotiis saepe opti, subsequenter et cluso in eodem tandem ad finali processione dictionis negotiis processimus in hunc modum.

IN DEI NOMINE, AMEN. Nos Adam, missio divina Wyntoni Episcopo, auditis et intelligitis misericordia causa et negotiis electionis de religioso viro fratre Johanne de Merstham, canonico ecclesie convenienter de Tanrugge ordinis Sancti Augustini nostre dioecesis in priori ejusdem ecclesie jam vacantis electio nupera fere et coram nobis sufficienter examineate et discutisse, quod invenimus dictam electionem de persona ydonea concordantibus omnibus que de jure requiruntur in hac parte rite et canonice celebrata, ipsum electionem, invocata Spes Sancti gratiae, confirmatione, eidem electo curam et administrationem dictam ecclesie plenarie committendo, quod quidem pronuntiatione per Magnum Joachim de Wolveleye de mandato dei proximi tunc, canticoque Te Domine laudamus sollemniter decantato, aliis quod pactis per cunctem in talibus consuetis, dictus frater Johannes, electus obediens dicto proximo constitutus consuetam.

XXXV.

CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION: 13TH NOVEMBER, 1341.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 109 v.)

Adam, tecum. Religioso viro filio in Christo dilecto fratre Johanne de Merstham, canonico prioratus sive ecclesie conventualis de Tanrugg, ordinis Sancti Augustini nostre dioecesis, saltem, gratiam et bene. Vacante nupera dicto prioratu sive ecclesia per invacuum et amorem fratris Philippi de Wokyngham, nupera prioris ejusdem, electionem de [te] in priori ejusdem ecclesie sive prioratus electio concorditer celebrata, pontificali auctoritate confirmationem legitime procedentes, et te in priori ejusdem prioratus sive ecclesie presbiterum et pastorum curam et administrationem ejusdem tibi plenarie committendo, firma concepta fiducia quod gratia divina tibi assistente propicia dicta ecclesia sive prioratus per tuum ministerium fructuosum salutem propitatem votiva suscipiet incrementa. In eum tecum. Dat apud Farnham, xiiij die mensis Novembris anno Domini MCCCXXXI, et tuncstonis nostre, viij.

XXXVI.

MANDATE FOR INSTALLATION: 13TH NOVEMBER, 1341.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Orleton*, I, fol. 109 v.)

Adam, tecum, dilectis filiis . . . prior de Reygate et perpetuo vicario ecclesie priorum de Walkenestede nostre dioecesis, saltem, gratiam et bene. Cum magister Willms Inge,

ar'diatum Sur̄ n̄re diōc p̄d̄cē de f̄cō t̄ non de jure occupās et eidē de f̄cō incumbens sit t̄ a diu est fuit majorum excōi^{nu} s̄niis p̄ suis notoriis excessib̄ t̄ dētis et criminibus rite t̄ leḡie p̄ nos innodatus, t̄ p̄ sic excōi^{to} pu^{ee} in diōc n̄ra t̄ aliis diocesib̄ cōvicinis nūciat⁹, ad installand̄ put moris est in p̄oratu sive ecc^a conveni^{li} de Tanrugg' d̄cē diōc f̄rem Jōhem de Mersth^am in p̄orem ejusdē ecclie sive p̄orat⁹ p̄ p̄vacōem t̄ amōcōem f̄ris P̄hi de Wokyngh^am nup p̄oris īpius vacantis, electū t̄ p̄ nos canonice c̄fimatū, ac ad assignand̄ eidē stallū in choro t̄ locū in caplo haetenus p̄orib̄ qui p̄ tempe fuerunt assignat^e, n̄non ad faciend̄ t̄ ex̄cend̄ que in p̄missis t̄ circa ea nēcia fūnt sive optuna t̄ ad c̄peseend̄, c̄ad̄cōres t̄ rebelles si qui fūnt in hac parte, vōb̄ t̄ euilib̄ v̄m insolidū comittim⁹ vices n̄ras cū cōh̄conis canonice pot^e. Dat apud Farnh^am, xij die mens^e Novemb^r, anno Dñi s^ad̄cō.

XXXVII.

LETTERS TESTIMONIAL TO WILLIAM WILTSHIRE: 4TH JULY, 1452.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 15* v.)

Littera testimonialis quod quidam frater Willermus Wiltshire fuit ordinem Sancti Augustini canonice professus. Universis Xpi fidelib̄ p̄sentes l̄ras inspecturē v̄l auditurē, Wiltus miseratione d̄ia Wynton Ep̄us, saltm et fidem indubiam p̄sentib̄ adhib^{se}. Novit unv̄sitas v̄ra q̄d f̄r Wiltus Wiltshire, canōicus regularis p̄orat⁹ de Tanrigg' in com Sur̄, n̄re diōc, c̄tra quem f̄rem Wiltum, quidam Wal̄um Lathum queralā in q̄dam curia ut d̄r affirmavit, fuit anno Dñi M^oCCC^{mo} xlj^o, anno r̄. r̄. Hen̄r Sexti post conquestū, XIX^o in ordinē Sc̄i Augustini in d̄cō p̄oratu rite et exp̄sse p̄fess⁹ ac sub obed̄ia f̄ris Jōhis Fremyngham ejusdē loci p̄oris a tūc usq; ad temp⁹ date p̄sentiu cōtinue regulari^f t̄ landabil^f conv̄sat⁹ ac p̄ tali tent⁹ t̄ habit⁹ ac notorie reputat⁹. In quo^z oīm t̄ singl̄m fidem t̄ test̄m sigillū n̄rm p̄sentib̄ duxim⁹ apponend. Dat in māfio n̄ro de Essher' q̄rto die mens^e Jut, año Dñi Mi^o CCC^{mo} quiq^agesimo s̄cdo. Et n̄re cons^e, año quinto.

XXXVIII.

SEQUESTRATION OF INCOME OF THE PRIORY:

14TH OCTOBER, 1461.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 68*.)

Sequestracio fructuum Prioratus de Tanrigge. Wiltus t̄c, dilecto nōb̄ in Xpo, Nicho Assheton justi^c de cōi bauco dñi n̄ri regis, dño

John Hamond canōico regti priorat⁹ Scti Jacobi de Tanrigge, ord⁹ Scti Aug⁹, nro dio^c, Witto Gaynsford & Joh⁹ Elynbrigge fratris, saltm t^c. Cum nos ex officio nro legie pcedentes, oēs et sing⁹los fruct⁹, reddit⁹ & pvent⁹, ad prioratū pdcm pertiñ sive spectantes, pp^t dilapidacōem bono⁹ ejusd priorat⁹ eo^r diteo nob⁹ in Xpo Ma⁹ro Wit⁹mo Darsset, legū doctore cancellario nro in quadam inquisicōe p eund⁹ Ma⁹rm Wit⁹um inibi aucte nra nup fact⁹ notorie comptam, ac justas & legiās causas nos in hac pte movētes sequestavim⁹, justicia id poscente. Vob⁹ c^jutim & divi^s comittim⁹ & mandam⁹ firmi^t injūgētes q^atin⁹ sequestrū nrm h^j oībus et sing⁹lis quo⁹ infest in hac pte publicantes, dict⁹ fruct⁹, reddit⁹ & pvent⁹ sub arto & tulo custodiatis seu custodiri faciatis sequesto sicuti de eisd nob⁹ volūtē respondē. Dat in palacio nro de Wolveseye sub nro sigillo, xiiij^o die Octob^r, a^o Dñi M^oCCCC^olxj^o, & nre cons⁹, a^o quinto decimo.

XXXIX.

EPISCOPAL SEQUESTRATION ON VACANCY: 10TH APRIL, 1469.

(Winchester Diocesan Register, *Wayneflete*, I, fol. 96*.)

Sequestracio fructus Prioratus de Tanrigge vacantis. Decimo die mens^e April^e a^o Dñi M^oCCCC. lxix^o, directa fuit sequest^acio bono⁹ & fructuū priorat⁹ de Tanrigge p resignacōem fr̄is Johis Kyrton, ultⁱ prior⁹ ibm vacant^e Ma⁹ro Hugoni Heghstale rectori ecclie de Blechyngle ac fr̄i Rob⁹to Haysant canōico ord⁹ Scti Augustini ad recipiend⁹ & salvo custodiend⁹ fruct⁹ & reddit⁹ ejusd priorat⁹, d^ca vacacōe durante cū clausul^e n^aciis ut in forma.

XL.

GRANT OF PENSION TO PRIOR ON DISSOLUTION OF THE PRIORY:
2ND JULY, 1536.

(Augmentation Office, Miscel. Books, Vol. 244, No. 127.)

Rex Omi^bz ad quos t^c, salutem; cum nup prioratus de Tanrege in Comⁱ nro Sur^r auctoritate plamenti iam supp^{ss}sus & dissolutus existit, unde quidam Joh⁹ Lyngfeld tempore dissolu^cōis illius & diu antea prior inde fuit; Nos volentes r^{on}abilem annualem pen^cōem sive pmo^cōem condignam eidem Joh⁹ ad victum & exhibi^cōem suam melius sustinend⁹ provideri; Sciatis igit^r qd nos in consideracōe pmissos de g^ra nra spiali ac ex c^ata scienzia & mero motu nris p advisamentum & consensum Cancellarii & consilii Curie nre Augmentacionū revencionū Corone

nře, dedim⁹ eonecessim⁹ ac p ſentis damus t concedim⁹ eidem Johi quandam Annūatem sive Annualem penſōem quatuordecim libraž sterlingož hēnd t annuatim picipiend easdem quatuordecim libras pſato Johi t Assigñ suis a festo Annūciačois be Marie Virginis ultimo pſito ad tminū vite ipius Johis vel quousq idem Johes ad unū vel plura beneficia ecclastica, sive aliam pmočōem condignam, clari annui valoris quatuordecim libraž aut ultra, p nos pmotus fuit tam p manus Thesaurarii Curie nře p̄dē p tempore exiſteñ de theſauro nřo in manibz suis de revencōibz p̄dē remanere contingē q̄in p manus Receptož pticulariū revencionū p̄deāž de eisdem revencōibz, ad festa Scī Michis Archi t Annūciačois be Marie Virginis p equales porcōes omio ſoluend Eo qđ exp̄ſſa meneio t̄c. In eujus rei t̄c.

Ričm Ryche.

T. apud Westm Sčdo die Julii A° xxvij° H. vij°.

XLI.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDING MICHAELMAS, 29TH HENRY VIII (1537).

(Ministers' Accounts, 28-29 Henry VIII, No. 108.)

Comitatus Sur̄r

Compa omiū et singulorū ballivorum Firmariorum, ac omnium aliorum ministratorum domini Regis, nunc Henrici Octavi, de omnibus et singulis dominiis maneriis, villis, villatis, neenon omnimodis aliis poffiſionibus et herediti quibuscumque, nuper ad diversa Monasteria et Priorat in Comitatu predicto dudum virtute et auctoritate Parliamenti suppressa et dissoluta ſpecta sive quovimodo pertineñ in manibus dieti domini Regis modo exiſteñ, videat a festo Sancti Michis Archi Anno Regni dieti domini Regis vicesimo octavo, usque idem festum Sancti Michis Archi ex tunc proximū ſequen Anno Regni ejusdem Dñi Regis vicesimo nono, ſcīt p unū Annū integrum.

TERR. ET POSSESSIONES NUPER PRIORAT. DE TANRYGE PERTINEN.

Officiū Coſt Comp̄us Francisci Mores baſt ac Coſt Reddus ibm p Redd. tempus p̄d.

Arreragia. Nulla; sicut contine^r in pede ultimi Compi Anni pro^x precedeⁿ.

Redd^r Assi^s eū Redd^r et firm^a in Tanryge. Sed r^o Compm de ij s. ij d. de Reddu Assi^s unius teⁿti et certarum terrarum i^{bm} voca^r Turneys Land^r, q^o Henricus Torner libe^r tenet so^t ad festa Annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Michis Archi equaltr, prout p^o quoddam Rentale inde factum et renovatum per Senescallum i^{bm} vicesimo die Octobris Anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi vicesimo octavo, penes Auditorem remaneⁿ consimili modo apparent. Et de ij s. j d. ob, de Reddu Assi^s certarum terrarū voca^r Harward^r Londe q^o Robert Heyward libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de vi d. de redd^r assi^s certarum terrarum voca^r Luxford^r Land^r q^o Christoforus Luxford libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de xvij d. de redd^r assi^s certarū ter^r voca^r Hethe Lond^r q^o Willm^s Hethe libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de xx d. de redd^r assi^s certarum terrarum vo^c Comporte Lande q^o Jo^s Comport libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de xvij d. de redd^r assi^s certarum terrarum vo^c Flawes tenement, q^o Jo^s Flawe libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de ix d. de redd^r assi^s certarum ter^r vo^c Standford^r q^o Edmundus Stanforde libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de ij s. de redd^r certarum terrarum voca^r Studmerhill in tenura Jo^s Squyer p^o Indenturam, so^t ad e^r t. Et de v s. iiiij d. de redd^r certarum terrarum voca^r Dirgefheld^r in tenura Jo^s Holmann per Indenturam, so^t ad e^r t. Et de iiiij s. de redd^r xx aclarum ter^r nuncupatarū Le Olde Parke in tenura Jo^s Lyntonne p^o Indenturam, so^t ad e^r t. Et de viij s. de redd^r certarum terrarum voca^r Conny Pytches Downe Londe et Ovesnet [defaced] in tenura Willm^s Dyxon p^o Indenturam, so^t ad e^r t. Et de xl v s. iiiij d. de redd^r certarum terrarum i^{bm} vocatarū Lullinge et Goodweye Lond^r in tenura Jo^s Pope p^o Indent^r, so^t ad e^r t.

Sm^a lxxij s. viij d. ob.

Redd^r Assi^s cum Redd^r et Firma in Oxstedd. Et de ij s. de redd^r Assi^s exeuⁿ de uno crofto voca^r Welbeck^r q^o Moricius Welbeck libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de iij s. de redd^r Assi^s exeuⁿ de ter^r vo^c Ball^r Lond^r q^o Robertus Genys libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de iij s. iiiij d. de redd^r assi^s exeuⁿ de ter^r vo^c le Lond^r q^o Jo^s a Lee libe^r ten^r, so^t ad e^r t. Et de viij d. de redd^r assi^s exeuⁿ de uno teⁿto cum gardino et una aera ter^r voca^r Cowpers q^o Henricus Cowper lib^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de xvij d. de redd^r certarū ter^r voca^r Crowhurst q^o Henricus Cowp libe^r tenet, so^t ad e^r t. Et de ij s. viij d. de redd^r assi^s certarū terraru vocata^r Holme Lande q^o Thomas Holmdenne libe^r tenet,

soł ad ē ī. Et de xij d. de reddū assiſ certarū terrarū vocaſ Cokes q̄ Ričus Coke liſe tenet, soł ad ē ī. Et de xij d. de reddū assiſ certarū terrarū vocaſ Alynslonde q̄ Thomas Aleyne liſ tenet, soł ad ē ī. Et de viij d. de reddū Assiſ certarū terrarū voč Brokyslonde q̄ Joħes Broke liſe tenet, soł ad ē ī. Et de ij s. vj d. de reddū assiſ certarū terř voč Avys q̄ Wiħs Smythe liſe tenet, soł ad ē ī. Et de iij s. de reddū assiſ cert̄ terř voč Pyrres q̄ Joħes Ownsted liſe tenet, soł ad ē ī. Et de xxxv s. viij d. de firma unius teñti et xiiij acraſ terř apud Barowe cum xij acr̄ pastuř ibidem vocaſ Robyns Grove et Multrydenne sic dimiſs Ričo Holman p̄ Indenturam, soł ad ē ī. Et de xxvij s. de reddū unius teñti et certarū terrarū ibidem vocaſ Bakers dimiſs Johi Marten p̄ Indenturam, soł ad ē ī.

Sm^a iij ti. iij ſ. ix d.

Redd̄ diꝝ teñt Et de xxx s. de reddū cert̄ terř iħm vocaſ Prestfelde
ad Holm in ad voluñ dimiſs Johi Loke, soł ad ē ī. Et de viij s. de
Oxsted. reddū unius teñti in quo Joħes Foster modo inhabitat,
soł ad ē ī. Et de xij s. iij d. de reddū unius teñti voč
Phelipps apud Barowe in quo Wiħmus Grene modo inhabitat, soł ad
eosdem term̄.

Sm^a l ſ. iij d.

Redd̄ assis eū Et de xvij s. viij d. de reddū assiſ certarū terř teñt et
redd̄ et firñ in cotaḡ iħm p̄ Wiħm Barbour firmariū de Godstone
Godstone. virtute Indenture s̄s recep̄t de divers teñt iħm, soł ad
eosdem terminos. Et de vj s. viij d. de reddū sive
firma unius campi iħm vocaſ Priorsfelde dimiſs Wiħmo Harlyng p̄
Indenturam, soł ad eosdem terminos.

Sm^a xxij s. iij d.

Firm^a cert̄ terř in Et de xv ſ. de firma cert̄ terř ibidem vocaſ Brownes
Chepstede voč in tenura Riči Caddingtonne per Indenturam, soł ad
Brownes. eosdem terminos.

Sm^a xv s.

Redd̄ assiſ in Et de ij s. de reddū assiſ exeuñ de uno teñto iħm
Edenbrydge in vocaſ Alchornes q̄ Andreus Cole liſe tenet, soł ad
Com̄ Kanč. eosdem terminos.

Sm^a ij s.

Redd̄ assiſ in Et de viij s. x d. de reddū assiſ iħm p̄ anñ, so ad ē ī.
Chyddington in
Com̄ Kanč.

Sm^a viij s. x d.

Redd^ā assi^s in Et de xij s. de reddu assi^s i^{bm} exeuⁿ de cert^r ter^r
 Longsutton in vo^c Chobhammes q^u Thomas Byflete libe^r tenet, so^t
 Com^r South^r. ad e^t t.
 Sm^a xij s.

¶qui^s Cu^r. De aliquo proficuo provenieⁿ de perquisⁱ Cu^r i^{bm} hoc
 anno ten^r, non r^o eoque nulla talia casualia hoc anno
 accidebant, per Sacramentum d^ci Compt.
 Sm^a nu^{ll}.

Vendi^c bos^c. Nec r^o de aliquo proficuo provenieⁿ de vendi^c bos^c hoc
 anno, non eoque nu^{ll} bos^c sive subbos^c vend^r fuit infra
 dictum tēpus, p^o sacrm^s s^z.
 Sm^a nu^{ll}.

Sm^a Tol^{is} Ofis xij tⁱ. viij s. xj d. o^b.
 de quibus,

Redd^ā Idem computat in Reddu annuatim Resoluto d^ño Borowg^h
 Resolut^r. exeuⁿ de ter^r in Oxstede ad xxxvij s. iiij d. p annū. Et sic
 in allocatione h^āmoi pro uno anno integro finito ad festum
 S^ci Michis Archi d^co anno xxix^{no} xxxvij s. iiij d. Et in Reddu
 annuatim reso^t Nicholao Carewe militi pro ter^r in Blechinglie p annū
 xij s. Et in Reddu resoluto priori de Mertonne pro terris ibidem per
 annum iij s. iiij d. Et in Reddu annuatim Reso^t d^ño Regi pro ter^r in
 [blank in Roll] p annū xxxiiij s. v d. o^b q^a. Et in reddu annuatim
 resoluto Abbatⁱ de Bello ad Maneriu suum de Brodeham p annum xij d.

Sm^a iiij tⁱ. x s. j d. o^b q^a.

Procu^r et Et in dena^r so^t Archino Sur^r pro procu^r et sinodal ecclie de
 Sind^r. [blank in Roll] hoc anno ut in anno precedeⁿ xvij s. vj d.

Sm^a xvij s. vj d.

Feoda Et in feodo d^ci computaⁿ ba^{ll} ac Co^{ll} Redd^ā omniū ter^r et
 et va^d. te^rtorum d^ci nup Prioratui ptinenciū ex discrecioⁿe Comissioⁿ
 d^ñi R^e hoc anno ut in precedeⁿ xl s. Et in stipendio C^tici
 Auditoris scribeⁿ hunc comp^m prout C^ticis Auditorum d^ñi R^e ducatus
 s^z Lancast^r allo^r consuevit. Et sic in allocacione ij s. Et in feodo
 Jo^ris Skynner Senescall Cu^r i^{bm}, hoc anno ut in annis precedeⁿ xij s.
 iiij d.

Sm^a lv s. iiij d.

Expenſ Et in denař dčo computaň alloč pro expenſ Senescał Cuř,
Senesč et aliorum officiariorum dñi Rę ibidem existencium per dčm
Rentał ut pž bił de pticul remaneň xx ſ.

Sm^a xx ſ.

Et in denař p dčm Compuť lišatę Johi Mores
Receptorı dñi Regis Augmentacionū
Lišacio Revencionū corone ejusdem dñi Rę in
denař. Comi Surř pređ de exit̄ officii sui hujus
anni debiť ad festum Sancti Michis
Archis, dčo a° xxix Rę pređ ut pž bił maň ejusđ
receptor̄ sign̄.

xlij ſ. xj d. ob q^a di.

Sm^a xlij ſ. vj d. ob. q. di.

Sm^a oīm Alloč et lišač pđ, xj ſi. v ſ. xj^d. ob di q^a. Et
debt xlij ſ. xj d. ob q^a di. Qui exoflant̄ hie eoque Johes
Reade eandem sumam de pte exiť premiss debiť ad
festum sancti Michis Archi Anno Regni Regis predči
vicesimo nono, virtute et vigore trarum dñi Rę patencium,
quarum dat̄ est secundo die Januarii Anno Regni Regis
predči xxix^{no} quarum quidem lřarum effect̄ in Compo
Receptor̄ de eodem anno verbatim irrotuł. Et c.

Quietus est.

Terř dñicat̄. Compuť *Nich̄i Carue* firmarii išm p tempus predictum.

Arreragia. Nulla [Here occur some words erased at the time.]

Sm^a null̄.

Firma. Sed ſ Compm de xxv ſi. vj ſ. viij d. de firma terrarum.

Sm^a xxv ſi. vj ſ. viij d.

Sm^a firme xxv ſi. vj ſ. viij d. de quibus exoflant̄ hie de
xij ſi. xiiij ſ. iiiij d. de ultima medietate hujus anni Eoq
predčus Johes Reade eandem sumam recepit de firmař
ibidem, virtute et vigore pđearum trarum dñi Rę patencium
ad festum Sancti Michis Archi infra tempus hujus Compi.
Et debt xij ſi. xiiij ſ. iiiij d. Qui exoflant̄ hie eoq. oflant̄
in Compo Receptor̄ išm de eodem anno. Et sic

eq̄.

Manerium de Compsus *Thome Bance* firmi ibi p tempus p*d.*
Rokesnest.

Arreragia. Nulla [Here occur some words erased at the time.]
Sm*a* nu*H*.

Firm*a* Sed r*em* Compsm de ix li. vj s. viij d. de redd*u* sive firma
Manerii. mafii ibidem cum omnibus et singulis suis ptine*n* vocat
Rokesnest unac*u* quad*m* domo vocat le Tyle howse in
tenura Thome Bance, p Indenturam sig*H* Conve*n* de Tanrege sig*H*, da*t*
ultimo die Octo*b*r anno Regni Regis Henrici Octavi vicesimo sexto,
hendum, tenendum et gaudendum a festo Sancti Michis Arch*i* seque*n*
datam ejusdem Indenture usq*u* ad fin*e* xxj annorum, Reddendo inde
annuatim ut supra ad festa Annunciac*u* beate Marie virginis et Sancti
Michis Arch*i* ut p*z* Indenturam.

Sm*a* ix li. vj s. viij d.

Sm*a* firme ix li. vj s. viij d. de quibus exofnat*r* hic
de iiij li. xij s. iiiij d. de ultima mediet*r* firme pred*c*
Eoque pred*c*us Jo*h*es Reade eandem Summam recepit de
firmario ibidem virtute et vigore pred*c*arum trarum d*ni*
R*e* patencium, ad festum Sancti Michis Arch*i* infra
tempus hujus Com*p*i. Et de*t* 4 li. xij s. iiiij d. Qui
exofnat*r* hic Eoque of*fl*antur in Com*p*o Receptoris ibidem
de eodem anno. Et sic

eq*5.*

Firm*u* de Sowthlonde. Compsus *Georgii Topsell* firmi ibi p t*e*pus p*d.*

Arreragia. Nulla, sicut p*z* in pede ultimi comp*i* anni pro*x* precede*n*.
Sm*a* nu*H*.

Firma. Sed r*em* comp*m* de lxxvj s. viij d. de Redd*u* sive firma unius
mesuagii sive te*n*ti in Tanridge vocat Sowthlond*e* cum s
ptine*n* in tenura d*c*i Computa*n* p Indenturam sigillo Conve*n* de
Tanridge sig*H*, da*t* decimo sexto die Septemb*r* Anno Regni Regis
Henrici octavi xv; hendum tenendum et gaudendum omnia d*c*a premissa
una c*u* firma quinq*u* vaccar*u*, ad termin*u* viginti iiiij*or* annorum, Reddendo
inde annuatim ut supra ad festa Sancti Michis Arch*i* et Annunciac*u*
beate Marie Virginis ut p*z* Indenturam.

Sm*a* lxxvj s. viij d.

Sm*a* firme lxxvj s. viij d. de quibus exofnat*r* hic de
xxxvij s. iiiij d. Eo*q* pred*c*us Jo*h*es Reade eandem

Sumam recepit de firmar' iubm virtute predcarum trarum domin*is* Reprepatenciu ad festum Sancti Michis Archi infra tempus hujus Compi. Et debet xxxviiij s. iiiij d. Qui exof*flant*r hic Eoqu of*flant*r in Compo Receptor*is* ibidem de eodem anno. Et sic

eq*z.*

Firma de Chamber- Comp*us* *Alicie Huntley* firm*u* iubm p tempus pred. londes Downland*es* et Scott*e* Crofte.

Arreragia. Nulla, sicut p*5* in pede ultimi Compi anni pro*x* precede*n*. Sm*a* null*u*.

Firma. Sed r*em* comp*m* de l*s.* de Reddu sive firma certar*u* ter*r* vocatar*u* Chamberlond*es*, Scott*e* Croft, Myllfelde, Harterslande, et Downelond*es*, jace*n* in Tanridge pred*c*a, in tenura d*e*c*i* Computa*n* p Indent*u* sigillo Conve*n* de Tanridge sig*u*, da*t* vicesimo die Marcij anno regni Regis Henrici octavi vicesimo primo; hend*u* tenendum et gaudendum ad finem et terminum xl annor*u*, Reddendo inde annuatim ut supra ad festa Annunciac*ionis* beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Michis Archi ut p d*e*cam Indenturam plenius p*5*.

Sm*a* l*s.*

Sm*a* firme l*s.* de quibus exof*flat*r hic de xxv*s.* de ultima medietate hujus anni Eoq*z* pred*c*us Jo*h*es Reade eandem Su*m*am recepit de firmario iubm vigore pred*c*arum trarum d*e*c*i* d*omi*n*is* Reprepa*te*n*u*, ad festum Sancti Michis Archi infra tempus hujus comp*m*. Et debet xxv*s.* Qui exof*flant*r hic, Eoqu of*flant*r in Compo Receptor*is* ibidem de eodem anno. Et sic

eq*z.*

Tenementum Comp*us* *Ric*h*i Topsell* firma*u* iubm p tempus pred*c*m. voc*at* Botelers.

Arreragia. Nulla [an erasure] p*5* in pede ultimi Compi anni p*x* precede*n*.

Sm*a* null*u*.

Firma. Sed r*em* Comp*m* de iiiij ti. de reddu sive firma unius te*n*ti voc*at* Botelers in pochia de Tanridge pred*c*a in tenura d*e*c*i* Computa*n* p Indenturam sigillo conve*n* de Tanridge pred*c*a sig*u*, da*t*

vicēimo die Marcij Anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi xxj; hēndum, tenendum et gaudendum a festo Sancti Michis Archī q̄ erit in anno dñi MCCCCCxxxj^{mo} usq; ad terminū xxj annoī, Reddendo inde annuatim ut supra ad festa Annunciacōis beate Marie virginis et sancti Michis Archī.

Sm^a iij li.

Sm^a firme iij ti. de quibus exonat^r hic, de xl s. pro ultima medietate hujus firme Eoq; d̄cus Jōnes Reade eandem sumām recepit de firmaī īb̄m virtuī dieī litterī dñi R̄ ad d̄cm festum S̄ci Michis Archī infra d̄cm tempus. Et debet xl s. Qui exoflant^r hic, eoq; oflant^r in compō Recepti īb̄m de eodem Anno

et eq̄z.

Firma de Com̄pus *Henrici Cowp̄* fir̄m īb̄m p̄ tēp̄ p̄d.
Thomlyns Lande.

Arreragia. Nulla, sicut p̄z in pede ultimi Com̄pi anni prōx preceden̄.
Sm^a nūt.

Firma. Sed r̄ comp̄m de l s. de reddū sive firma unius teñti et certarū terrarū vocaī Thomlyns Lande jaceñ infra pochiam de Oxstedd in tenura d̄ci Henrici Cowper sic sibi dimiss̄ p̄ Indent̄ sigillo Conveñ de Tanridge sigillaī, dat xxvj^{to} die Marcij anno Regni Regis Henrici Octavi xvij, hēndum tenendum et gaudendum ad finem et terminū xxj annorum, Reddendo inde annuatim ut supra ad festa Annunciacōis beate Marie et S̄ci Michis Archī.

Sm^a l s.

Sm^a firme l s. de quibus exoflatur hic de xxv s. de ultima medietate hujus anni Eoque d̄cus Jōnes Reade eandem. Sm̄mam recepit virtute pred̄carum l̄rarum dñi R̄ ad festū S̄ci Michis Archī infra d̄cm tempus. Et debet xxv s. Qui exoflant^r hic, eoq; oflantur in Com̄po Receptoris īb̄m de eodem anno. Et sic

eq̄z.

Duo tenementa Com̄pus *Thome Alyn* fir̄m īb̄m p̄ temp̄ p̄d.
in Oxstede.

Arreragia. Nulla, sicut continetur in pede ultimi Compi anni preced.
Sm^a null.

Firma. Sed ī Compm de lxxvj s. viij d. de reddū sive firma ij^{ra}
tenementorum et certarum terrarum et claus in tenura Thome
Aleyne sie sibi dimiss p Indenturam sigillo Conveñ de Tanridge predcā
sigiit, dat vicesimo sexto die Octobr anno Regni Rg Henrici Octavi
vicesimo septimo, hendum ad terminū xxx annoī, Reddendo inde ut
supra ad festa Pasche et Sci Michis Archi equat.

Sm^a lxxvj s. viij d.

Sm^a firme lxxvj s. viij d. de quibus exoflatr hie de
xxxvij s. iiiij d. de ultima mediet firme predcē eoq dēus
Johes Reade eandem s̄mām recepit de firmario ibm
vigore pred trarum dñi Rg ad festum Sci Michis Archi
infra tempus hujus Compi. Et debt xxxvij s. iiiij d.
Qui exoflatr hic, Eoq oñant in Compo Receptoris ibidem
de eodem anno.

Et eqz.

Dimid pars Rectoī Compus Rob^{ti} Darby firm ibm p tempus predcm.
de Godstone.

Arreragia. Nulla, sicut cont in pede ultimi Compi anni prox pre-
cedeñ.

Sm^a null.

Firma. Sed ī Compm de lxxj s. viij d. de firma dimidie pt^r Reectorie
de Godstone unacū decima pte omniū et singulorū grañ
infra pochiam de Wolkhamstedd in tenura dci Robti Darby per Inden-
turam sigillo Conveñ dci nup Priorat Sigiit, dat xij^{mo} die Augusti
Anno Regni Regē Henrici Octavi xxij^{do}, hendum ad terminū septem
annorū, Reddendo inde p annū ut sup^a ad festa Nata^l Dñi et Nativitatē
Saneti Johis Bapte equis porecioñ.

Sm^a lxxj s. viij d. ex².

Sm^a lxxj s. viii d. de quibus exoflatur hie de xxxv s.
x d. de ultima medietate hujus anni, Eoq predcūs Johes
Reade eandem s̄mām recepit de firmañ ibidem virtute
predcarum trarum dñi Rg ad festum Sci Michis Archi

infra tempus hujus Compi. Et debet xxxv s. x d. Qui exofiantur hic, Eoque ofiantur in Compo Receptoris ibidem de eodem anno.

Et eq*z*.

Maner de Godstone Compus *Will Barbo* firma*r* ib*m* p temp⁹ þd.
at*s* Blechinglye.

Arreragia. Nulla sicut cont*in* pede ultimi Compi anni p*x* precede*n*.
Sm*a* nu*h*.

Firma. Sed r*is* Compm de iij*th* v*j* s*ix* viij*th* de firma man*u* de Godstone cum omnibus ter*r* te*n*is pra*t* et pastu*r* infra poch de Blechinglye in tenura pred*ci* Wi*ll*mi Barbour p*ro* Indentur*s* Sigillo Conve*n* d*c*i nup Priorat*s* sig*h*, da*t* xxvij*th* die Junij Anno Regni Regis Henrici Octavi xij*th*, h*en*dum ad terminu*r* xxxj*th* annor*u*, Reddendo inde annuat*u* ut supra ad festa Sancti Michis Arch*i* et Annunciac*ion*is beate Marie virginis equis porcionibus solven*d* ut in d*c*a Indentura plenius continetur.

Sm*a* iij*th*. v*j* s*ix* viij*th* d*o*.

Sm*a* firme iij*th* v*j* s*ix* viij*th* de quibus exofiantur hic de xliij*th* s*ix* iij*th* d*o* de ultima medietate hujus anni Eo*q* d*c*us Jo*h*es Reade eandem s*m*am recepit de firmario ib*m* virtute pred*ci*arum trarum d*n*i R*eg* patenc*u* ad festum Sc*i* Michis Arch*i* infra dictum tempus. Et debet xliij*th* s*ix* iij*th* d*o*. Qui exofiantur hic, Eo*q* ofiantur in Compo Receptoris ib*m* de eodem anno.

Et eq*z*.

Rectoria de Compus *John Gaynsford* milit*e* et Edwardi Lee C*l*ici Crowhurst. firma*r* ib*m* p tempus predictum.

Arreragia. Nulla, sicut continet*r* in pede ultimi comp*i* anni p*x* precede*n*.
Sm*a* nu*h*.

Firma Rector*s*. Sed r*is* Compm de liij*th* s*ix* iij*th* d*o* de Reddu sive firma Rector*s* ib*m* c*u* omnibus suis ptine*n* in tenura dict*u* Computa*n* p*ro* Indentur*s* sigillo Conve*n* de Tanridge sig*h*, da*t* xxj*mo* die Septembris anno Regni Regis Henrici viij*th* octavo, h*en*dum a da*t* presenc*u* usq*ue* ad finem et terminu*r* vite natural*e* Jo*h*is Gaynsforde;

Reddendo inde annuatim ut supra ad festa Natalis Dñi Annunciaconis
beate Marie Virginis, Sancti Johis Baptē et Sancti Michis Archī equaſtr.
Sm^a liij ſ. iiiij d. ex².

Sm^a firme liij ſ. iiiij d. de quibus exofiat^r hic de **xxvj** ſ.
vij d. de ultim^a mediet^t hujus anni, Eoꝝ d̄cūs Johes Reade
eandem ſmā de firmaꝝ ibm vigore þd̄ litteꝝ dñi R^ē
ad d̄cm festum S̄ci Michis Archī. Et deſt **xxvj** ſ.
vij d. Qui exofiant^r hic, Eoꝝ ofiant^r in Compo Recept^r
ibm de eodem anno. Et ſic

eqꝝ.

Firma ſit⁹ maſii in **Compus Johis Haywarde** firm ibm p temp⁹ þd̄.
Hartfelde de
Senty in Coꝝ
Sussex.

Arreragia. Nulla, ſicut p₃ in pede ultimi Compi anni proꝝ preceden̄.
Sm^a nuſt.

Firma. Sed r̄ Compm de iiiij ti. de firma ſitus manerii de Sentie
in pochia de Hertfelde in Coꝝ Sussex in tenura Johis
Heyward p Indenturam ſigillo Conveñ de Tanridge ſigis, dat xxvij^{mo}
die Februarii anno Regni R^ē Henrici Octavi xij^{mo}; hendum ad terminū
lxj annorū, Reddendo inde ut supra ad festa Nataſ Dñi et Annūciaſois
beate Marie Virginis equaltr.

Sm^a iiiij ti.

Sm^a firme iiiij ti. de quibus exofiat^r hic de xl ſ. de ultima
medietate hujus firme, Eoꝝ pred̄cūs Johes Reade eandem
ſuſmā recepit de firmaꝝ ibidem virtute pred̄carum trarum
dñi R^ē patenciū ad festum Sancti Michis Archī infra
tempus hujus Compi. Et deſt xl ſ. Qui exofiant^r hic,
Eoꝝ ofiant^r in Compo Receptoris ibm de eodem anno.

Et eqꝝ.

Westhall in **Compus Willi Comporte** firmaꝝ ibm p temp⁹ þd̄.
Warlyngham.

Arreragia. Nulla, ſicut con̄ in pede ultimi Compi anni pꝝ preceden̄.
Sm^a nuſt.

Firma. Sed r̄ Compm̄ de iiiij ti. xijj s̄. iiiij d̄. de firma unius teñti cū omnibus ter̄ pratis pascuis et pastū, cū omnibus et singulis suis ptineñ in tenura Wit̄mi Comporte p̄ Indentū sigillo Conveñ de Tanridge sigiñ, dañ [blank in Roll], h̄endum ad terminū xxvj annorum, Reddendo inde annuatim ut supra ad iiiijor anni terminos usuañ ut in dicta Indentura ad largum plenius continetur.

Sm̄a iiiij ti xijj s̄. iiiij d̄.

Sm̄a firme iiiij ti. xijj s̄. iiiij d̄. de quibus exofñat̄ hic de xlvj s̄. viij d̄. de ultima medietate hujus firme, Eoq̄ pred̄cus Joñes Reade eandem s̄mam recepit de firmañ iñm vigore pred̄carum trarum dñi R̄ patenciū ad festum S̄ci Mich̄i Arch̄i infra tempus hujus Compi. Et deñt xlvj s̄. viij d̄. Qui exofñant̄ hic eoq̄ ofñantur in Compo Recept̄ iñm de eodem anno.

Et eq̄.



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